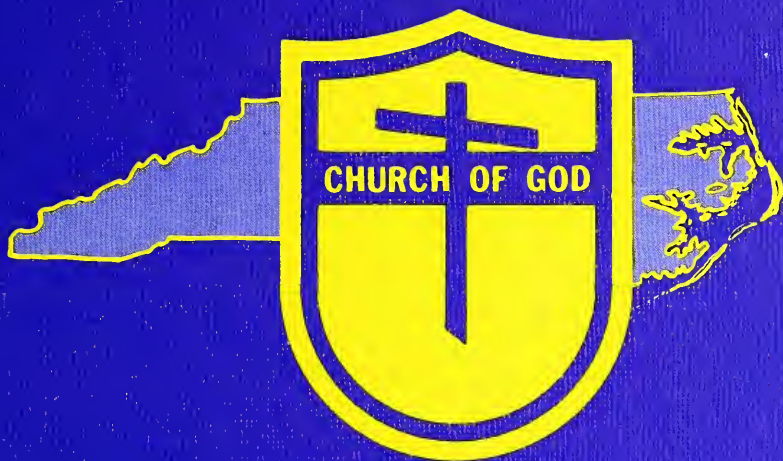




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FOREWARD

The State of North Carolina has had a significant involvement in the Pentecostal movement and Church of God organization since its inception in the Twentieth Century movement. Therefore, it became important that data be researched and preserved as it relates to the Church of God.

The State Council of the Church of God commissioned the State Public Relations Board consisting of the Reverend Messrs. Douglas W. Slocumb, Lawrence Ownbey, and Bobby Smith to prepare the manuscript for a North Carolina Church of God History. These men are to be commended for the excellent research material and data which they have completed.

On behalf of the State Council and Ministry of North Carolina, I express deep appreciation to Rev. Slocumb, Chairman, for his leadership and direction and to Rev. Ownbey and Rev. Smith for their diligent involvement. May this history serve as an informative and inspirational book to those who read it.

—E. C. Thomas
North Carolina State Overseer

AUTHOR'S PREFACE

Much of the Church of God history began here in North Carolina. Seeing the need and value of preserving our heritage, Dr. E. C. Thomas and the State Council commissioned the writing of this book.

For the last two years, these materials have been gathered. From the mountains to the piedmont to the coastal area, interviews, data and research have been made to present factual material.

This book is not intended to be a history of the Church of God; only a brief history of North Carolina. We recommend *LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY* by Dr. Charles Conn, Church Historian, for the entire Church of God history.

Since North Carolina has been a very vital part of the growth of the Church of God, this book has been prepared to preserve some of its historical facts.

As writer of this book, I have tried to confirm all data given to me and have tried to be objective and as fair as possible. I hope this book will help us to realize what a precious heritage we have. Furthermore, that each local church will desire to complete their own history and send a copy to the State Headquarters for an expanded work at a later date.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

It would be difficult to name all the people who have helped to make this writing possible. However, there are a few acknowledgments that must be made.

Dr. E. C. Thomas, State Overseer, is due a special word of gratitude. It is through his leadership that this book is written. Because of his vision to preserve our heritage, he, along with the State Council, commissioned this writing.

A special note of gratitude goes to Lawrence Ownbey and Bob Smith, members of the Public Relations Board, who have been a source of encouragement as we have brainstormed on compiling this book.

Much of our early history has been preserved by Dr. Charles Conn. For more than twenty-five years, he searched and researched much of our history. I am much indebted to him for his encouragement and his consent to draw from his works.

To O. W. Polen, Editor in Chief, Church of God Publications, for his encouragement and permission to draw from "Like A Mighty Army", Pathway Press, copyright 1977 and "General Assembly Book of Minutes", Pathway Press.

Dr. Winston Elliot, Director of Pentecostal Research at Lee College, has assisted greatly in furnishing me with copies of historical data for this writing.

Homer Rhea has spent endless hours proofing the final manuscript.

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A special note of thanks to Martha Mecum for her assistance. Much of the typing during the book's preparation came from her hands. Many hours were spent reading and typing the handwritten copy.

Esther Reynolds, State Secretary and Treasurer, is due much credit for without her watchful care and love for the Church of God of North Carolina much of the data we have collected would have been lost. It is to this esteemed person, who has guarded and faithfully kept the only records we have to draw upon, I give a special thanks. Through her assistance, this writer was able to glean these golden nuggets.

My appreciation and respect go to A. M. Stephens, Doyle Maney, and Kenneth Looney, Finalizing Committee from the State Council, who approved the material for publication.

Physically, this book would have been impossible without the members and ministers of the state sharing with me much of their part in our history.

Last, but not least, my love and gratitude goes to my wife, Esther Joyce, who has helped me by proofing and rewriting this entire book. It is through her encouragement in my work that this seemingly impossible task became a reality.

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DEDICATION

The Ministers of North Carolina proudly dedicates this historical collection to Dr. E. C. Thomas who has been such a vital part of our rich history.

Dr. E. C. Thomas' dedication and faithful service to any task before him is an example to all who know him. His Christian character has drawn many to the knowledge of God.

In 1942, E. C. Thomas came to North Carolina with his wife, Alice Mildred Douglas Thomas whom he had married on July 19, 1941, in the State of Florida. At the age of 22, he began his pastoral work in Salisbury. With his lovely wife, they pastored Draper (now Eden, Fieldcrest), Henderson, Lenoir, and Charlotte, Parkwood (now Eastway Drive).

On September 1, 1947, he accepted the position as Assistant State Overseer and Youth Director. While serving as Youth Director, he reorganized the North Carolina State Bible School and became its Principal and Director for three (3) years. Almost twenty years later, Dr. Thomas was to become State Overseer of North Carolina when the East Coast Bible College opened its doors to its first students.

Under his leadership as Youth Director, the first youth camp was organized. Seven youth camps were held in 1977.

During the organization years of North Carolina, Dr. Thomas worked hand in hand with the State Overseer, E. W. Williams. Many of the departments organized then are still major programs in the church.

In 1954, he excelled as a business leader as he was appointed Publisher of Church of God Publications. While in this position, he founded the Pathway Bookstores, Pathway Mutual Insurance and established the Pathway Press.

His leadership ability extends beyond the Church of God into other religious organizations. He was treasurer, vice-president, and president of the National Sunday School Association and Board of Administration of the National Association of Evangelicals.

As a civic leader, he has been Rotary Club Representative at their International Convention in Tokyo and a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Cleveland, Tennessee.

Dr. Thomas has received many honors through the years. He is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest and Who's Who in Commerce and Industry. In 1977 he had the Doctor of Divinity Degree bestowed upon him by Lee College.

Presently, he is serving as State Overseer of North Carolina, Chairman of the State Board of Education, Chairman of the Orphanage Board, and on the Lee College Board of Directors.

The Ministers and the Churches of North Carolina are very glad to have Dr. E. C. Thomas as our State Overseer. We are thankful we were able to have him home for two years of service.

We proudly dedicate this brief history to Dr. E. C. Thomas and his wife Alice Thomas, faithful stewards and dedicated leaders for God.

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DR. E. C. THOMAS HONORED

Dr. E. C. Thomas, State Overseer (Superintendent) of the Churches of God in North Carolina, was honored last evening, January 18, 1978, by the State Council for his leadership since coming to North Carolina in August 1976. H. D. Sustar presented the plaque to Dr. E. C. Thomas before the congregation of over 2,000 who had gathered for the Mid-Winter Prayer Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, January 17-19.

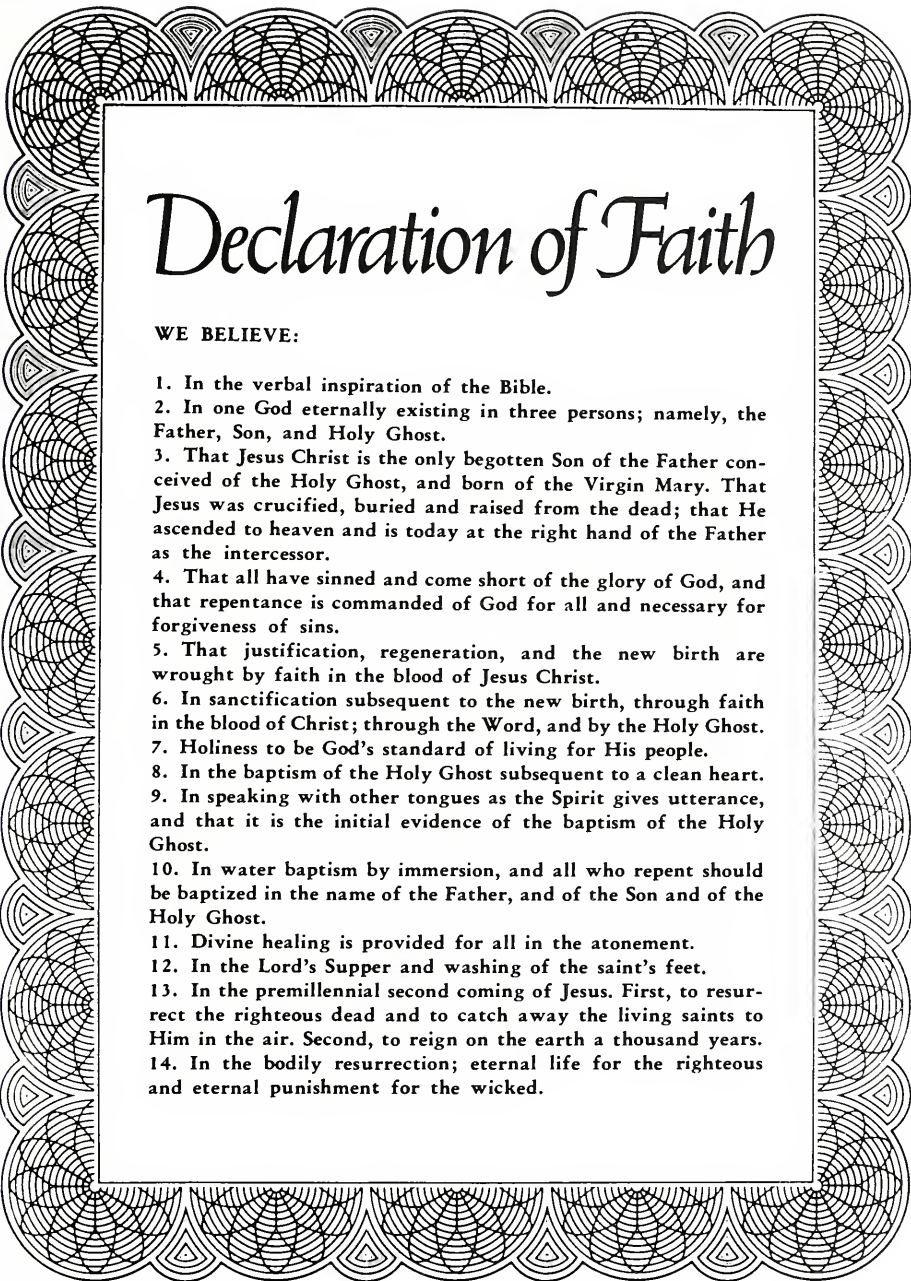
The plaque reads, "For dedicated, administrative and spiritual leadership, we, the State Council of North Carolina, present the following commendation on this, the eighteenth day of October 1977. BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. E. C. Thomas, Overseer of the State of North Carolina, be given this special plaque for his administrative ability in guiding the State of North Carolina toward a sound fiscal policy during its largest expansion program, their deep appreciation for his spiritual leadership for the church's continued growth in the kingdom of God." The plaque was signed by each member of the State Council: C. R. Tedder, H. D. Sustar, R. P. Fields, Joseph Chambers, Ray Loftis, A. M. Stephens, A. B. Dawsey, Doyle Maney, and Kenneth Looney.

The congregation stood and also honored this esteemed State Overseer, Dr. E. C. Thomas.



Dr. E. C. Thomas and plaque

---Douglas W. Slocumb, Chairman
State Public Relations



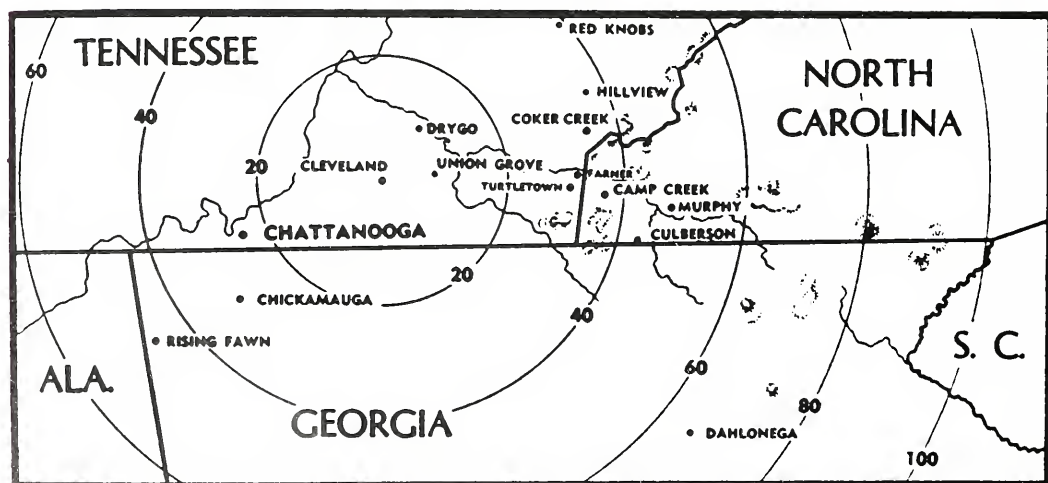
Declaration of Faith

WE BELIEVE:

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.



Rev. & Mrs. R. G. Spurling & Friend
Pastor of First Church Set in Order



EARLY HISTORY

From the rolling mountain ridges to the beautiful coastal region, the Church of God has its historical roots deeply planted in North Carolina. North Carolina, from the beginning at Camp Creek to the present, has been a leader in the denomination's growth.

The church began in North Carolina with R. G. Spurling traveling by foot and preaching wherever he could gain an audience. He crisscrossed from the mountains of Tennessee to North Carolina preaching in Camp Creek, Shoals Creek, Patrick, Farner, and Turtletown.

At this time in Coker Creek, Tennessee, the Christian Union organized on August 19, 1886, was flourishing. From its beginning until 1896 Spurling carried the Gospel alone preaching church reform, the possibility of holiness, the necessity of continuing revival and remonstrance of sin and ecclesiastical creeds.¹

From the Coker Creek Church, three laymen, William Martin, a Methodist; Joe Tipton and Milton McNabb, both Baptist, became enthusiastic about the subject of holiness. They were moved by the Spirit of God and began preaching the same doctrine of sanctification and holiness as Spurling. They preached that this is a definite spiritual experience which makes holiness living a natural way of life.

These three men crossed the mountains to Camp Creek in Cherokee County, North Carolina. There they found fourteen Baptists having prayer meetings. They were not endorsed by their churches and did not have a minister.

At the Shearer School, Billy Martin, Joe Tipton, and Milt McNabb began a revival. These men were not eloquent ministers but were "commonly good talkers."² Despite their lack of theological training and understanding, they fasted and prayed. With this and their exhortation, the revival became a reality.

The spiritually starved souls began to crowd the one-room school house. They came riding horseback, walking and traveling in buggies from as far away as forty miles to the revival. It was at this time that the members of the Christian Union, along with R. G. Spurling, moved their services to Camp Creek becoming one congregation.

After the meeting closed, the enlarged group of holiness believers continued the revival by having prayer meetings and Sunday worship.

R. G. Spurling became the pastor. He continued traveling and spreading the message of holiness. In his absence, William F. Bryant, a layman, led the group. This was the first church in North Carolina.

In 1896, this group of believers were still in the midst of revival. They began to experience a move of the Holy Ghost. Regardless of the place, the time, or the circumstance, they began to speak in tongues. Soon after, they began to parallel their experience with that in the Book of Acts. They did not fully understand the doctrine of the Holy Spirit until later.

News of this outpouring spread through the

countryside. Upon hearing the news, R. G. Spurling rushed back to become one of the first to receive the Holy Spirit.³

After the outpouring, the church was faced with persecutions. They were forced out of the school and the first church building was built across from the school.

In 1897, homes of the members were burned and an attempt to burn the church was foiled by a drenching rain. Later a group dynamited a large part of the church. One Sunday afternoon 106 men gathered to wreck the church and pile the timber up for burning. They could not be stopped, but through this the revival continued.

They began worshipping in the home of W. F. Bryant. Persecutions of stoning, sticks and buckshot continued. It was not until 1902, that the intense persecution declined. During this same period of time, fanaticism had crept into the church. Because of lack of government, the church was almost destroyed.

Those that remained with the church met on May 15, 1902, at the home of W. F. Bryant with R. G. Spurling and reorganized the church. There were only about twenty members left to salvage the remains of the Christian Union Church. They adopted a simple form of government and changed their name to Holiness Church at Camp Creek. This gave doctrinal description to their church and with this new government their future would be safeguarded.

For over a year the church struggled. W. F. Bryant, newly ordained, and R. G. Spurling were the only ministers. On June 13, 1903, five new members were added to the church. One of these was ordained a minister and two ordained deacons.

During this year, church government was established and they learned how to deal with irresponsible actions. Their worship services included teaching as well as evangelistic enthusiasm.

On June 13, 1903, A. J. Tomlinson who lived in Culbertson, North Carolina, was ordained. He was a well educated man and well versed in the Scriptures. He became pastor of the Camp Creek church giving freedom for R. G. Spurling and W. F. Bryant to travel evangelizing. The first year he was pastor, fourteen new members were added to the church. Among them was M. S. Lemons, a well educated minister.

M. S. Lemons along with Bryant and Spurling began to evangelize in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia. The church had two congregations in Tennessee, one in Georgia, and of course, Camp Creek in North Carolina.

At the close of 1905, the four ministers, Bryant, Lemons, Spurling, and Tomlinson saw the need for the ministers and laymen to come together for a time of fellowship and Bible study. The date set was January 26 & 27, 1906, and it was decided to have it as near Camp Creek as possible. The home of J. C. Murphy was chosen because of its location and it would accommodate more

1. Charles Conn, *LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY*; Cleveland, Tennessee: Pathway Press. 1977. 2. *Ibid.* 3. *Ibid.*



In 1906 the Church of God conducted its first General Assembly in the home of J. C. Murphy. Twenty-one people attended the meeting. Pictured on the porch of the small home are, the Reverend R. G. Spurling (left), and the Reverend W. F. Bryant. This home has been restored and is still standing at its original location in Cherokee County, North Carolina.

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Church of God Evangel

people than any other location. This was the first General Assembly with twenty one delegates.

The host pastor, A. J. Tomlinson, became the moderator for the Assembly. The delegates formed the government and by-laws of the Assembly. Their decision was "we do not consider ourselves a legislature or executive body but judicial only."⁴

Since A. J. Tomlinson had moved to Cleveland, Tennessee, in 1904, he had helped establish churches in Bradley County. Camp Creek was the central church but the focal point finally moved to Cleveland. In the Fourth General Assembly held in Cleveland, R. G. Spurling

reported on the Camp Creek church. "Held several meetings but the prospect for future work was not very encouraging."⁵

In late 1909 or early 1910, Millard Dailey went to Hayesville, North Carolina, and heard R. G. Spurling, E. J. Boehmer, F. G. Chambers, along with Nora Chambers, Mr. & Mrs. Morris, C. R. Curtis and Mr. McArthur preaching on the street. He invited them to come to Tusquitee for a revival. R. G. Spurling preached the first service. The group shared in the ministering. R. G. Spurling stayed one week, but the others remained four weeks. They organized a church and as the church grew, they received permission to worship in the Episcopal Church in Tusquitee.

E. J. Boehmer set the Tusquitee church in order. In 1911 C. R. Curtis became the pastor and the first State Overseer of North Carolina. Following C. R. Curtis was J. A. Davis who also became the State Overseer. Davis was buried in the yard of the Tusquitee Church.

The Tusquitee Church suffered much misfortune through the years. The Episcopal Church they rented burned down and two other churches they built burned down. After the last fire in 1935, the church moved to Hayesville where a new church called the Hayesville Church of God was organized. From 1935 until November 12, 1952, the Tusquitee Church of God did not exist. On November 12, 1952, E. P. Davenport with the Mosteller family and only one other family from the Hayesville church reorganized the Tusquitee Church of God.

The oldest continuing congregation in North Carolina is the Gaston Avenue Church of God in Gastonia. In 1912 under the leadership of C. C. Walker, the church was organized. Walker, a textile overseer in one of the local mills, pastored the mission which was located in a store building on the north side of Airline Avenue between Trenton and Highland.

In January 1913, the General Assembly Minutes listed Gaston Avenue with J. W. Walker as clerk. Also listed at this time were missions started in Charlotte and Erastus, but they were not organized. In the two churches, Gaston



Annie Dailey Spurling, daughter-in-law of R. G. Spurling



C. C. Walker

Avenue and Tusquitee, there were a total of eighty members with an average of eighty-five in Sunday School.

From the beginning of the Gaston Avenue church, they suffered much persecution. They did not have a lease for the store building and they were forced to move for it was rented to a businessman. C. C. Walker and his wife donated a 100' X 200' lot on Walnut Street on which they had built a 25' X 40' building. Many times their services were disrupted by pranksters throwing eggs, tomatoes, etc. In the early 20's, J. L. Scott persuaded the trustees whose names were on the church property, to join with him. Through court action, Scott acquired the property from the church. The Church of God continued with the few faithful members in a new location.

In November 1914, the Minutes of the General Assembly list seven churches with 166 members. Only two of these churches had pastors. These churches were Erastus, Emma Hinson, clerk; Gastonia, Walter Lyles, clerk; Kannapolis, W. M. Stallings, clerk; Kirklands Creek (now Whittier), Hamilton Wood, clerk; Salisbury, James Stallings, clerk; Statesville; and Tusquitee, L. B. Mosteller, clerk. Gastonia, Kannapolis, and Whittier are continuing congregations.

4. Book of Minutes (First, 1906); Page 16

5. Ibid (Fourth, 1909); Page 29



Pastor Snyder and church member building Gaston Ave. Church of God. It was call the church under the hill.



Gaston Ave. Church of God congregation in early years on Airline Ave. in Gastonia.



Gaston Ave. Church of God Congregation April 24, 1935. Attendance 271.

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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THE EVANGEL WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED THE WEEK OF ASSEMBLY!

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Loyal or Disloyal—Which?

C. T. Morgan.
"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall have their portion thereof, and he shall exalt his name together." (Psa. 34:3-4) "For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation." (Psa. 149:4) "The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among them shall rejoice in the Lord." (Isa. 29:19)

Now reader, if you want joy to increase, you can get it done by being meek. Me, meek, gentle, submissive, yielding, mild of temper, humble, patient. If you have all of these, your joy is increasing. Meek means submissive and submissive means to obey. Altho, we are supposed to obey. "Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." (1 Pet. 2:13-17) You never saw one do this, the way it is said, yet? I hear some one say, I once did one reporting system but I will report." Perhaps that is why your joy is not increasing.

"Whosoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." (Eccl. 9:10) "Unto ye are doors of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." (James 1:22) If we are doors of the Word, we are glad to report. If not, we are disloyal to the Church of God. We can't be meek and yet want to report. We can't be loyal and disloyal. Which do you being all you tell into the steeplehouse or treasury? Do it with all your might. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." (Mal. 3:8-10) It is not hard to be a robber. If we don't bring in our tithes and offerings, we are cursed with a curse. What for? For robbing God. But you unto you, Pharisees! Do ye take him and me and all manner of herbs and pass over judgment and the love of God, these ought ye to do first, and not to leave the other undone." (Mat. 23:23) If you are not bringing in your tithes, you are not doing what is said.

I am sure your joy is increasing if you are walking in the light, as it is termed in. Paying tithes is part of the light. Have you ever thought how the preacher is thought to get to you to see you? Have you ever thought how many things you do with tithes to help feed the preacher? You must remember that preachers and their families must have food as other people. I have in mind a church where there were only a few members.

You can bring your own bedding if you want to and almost board yourselves. One through the assembly very cheap.

by taking N. C. Hayesville, N. C. food from home.

To all the Church of God Family—Greetings: We are glad to report victory to the many friends of Tusquitee church. God is wonderfully working here. The revival fire has been falling here for several weeks. A good number have been saved and baptized. Thirteen added to the Church of God. Brother Latimer joined us a few days and God certainly did bless him in giving out the Word. We sure did appreciate his coming at this time of need. The meeting was one of the most wonderful ever witnessed at this place. God is making a great call here and God's children are gathering home. We are glad to say the church is growing in favor with the best people of the country. We surely praise God for the love, unity, and strength of the church here. If you want to know more about the way God is working here, come and see. To God be all the glory through His Son Jesus Christ. Pray for us and abound in love.

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We have been asking all who at to the EVANGEL OFFICE BUILDING the privilege of helping to pay this. Then you can send your amount by your brother of the Church who want to help in this. Remember the large building, 100 feet long. Church except a few hundred dollars that was in as an investment. We believe, however, that moments to the Church. If they want to do this it will Now, beloved, let us all take part in this donation and the printing plant. The exact cost of the building will be minutes later.

We want everybody to get here on Wednesday, Oct. 26, and look through the Evangel Office Building, and ready for the introductory service at night. We want everyone to see the presence of Jesus as soon as they arrive in Cleveland.

We would love to be so we could take care of babies and children, but since it is impossible to give permission for them to be brought we hope no one will take the least bit of offence. We feel sure that if parents could fully understand the situation they would not want to bring their children. We hope by another year to have arrangements made so whole families can come, but as it is not that way this year we must make the best of it we can and love and pray for those who have to remain at home to take care of the little ones. We hope also that those at home will feel they are engaged in a great work while they are nursing and caring for those who will soon grow up to take our places if Jesus tarries, and remember that it was said by one in olden times, "As his part is that goeth down to battle, so shall his part be that tarries with the stuff; they shall share alike." And those at home should feel greatly honored to have the privilege of praying for those in the front of the battle while they engage in the work of the Assembly.

At one time they knew very little about government and did not pay tithes. Some of them asked me to send them a preacher who I thought would suit them. I told them I knew the kind of preacher they wanted, and they wanted to know. I told them they wanted a man like John the Baptist, who would stay in the woods all week and eat herbs, and wild honey and then come to them and preach for them on Sunday. They considered it was not best for the preacher to stay in the woods so they began to bring money into the steeplehouse. Now there are over one hundred members and they have a good preacher who is in the field so you can see what paying tithes will do.

Loyal or disloyal which? How can you afford to say, I will bless the Lord at all times, and not pay tithes? How can you praise him continually and not tithe your income? "The Lord taketh pleasure in his people and will beautify the meek with salvation."

Come on, reader, and magnify the Lord with me (by paying tithes), and let us exalt His name together. I write this with a heart full of love to you and trust, it will be a help to someone. Amen.

Vincent, Ala.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus: I praise God for the deep rest and peace that abides in my heart. I thank God for the precious Holy Spirit who has dwelt in me. I was a slave for many years and I have been freed. I am now a free man. I am now a free man. I am now a free man.

I may grow old, but I will continue to praise God. I will continue to praise God. I will continue to praise God.

C. C. Martin, pastor.
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Sisters: I praise God for saving me from a backslidden condition. I praise God for saving me from the Holy Ghost with the little evidence of speaking in other tongues. Praise God, I am following Jesus daily and by His grace I want to go through. I have many trials and temptations, but with every trial there is a way of escape.

It is true we are living in the last days for the signs are appearing. Praise God, I want to be ready when my blessed Savior comes or calls. I ask each one of the dear saints to pray that I may stand true and be a bright and shining light for Him.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Maude Hodges.

The growth of North Carolina continued and in 1915 the church had four Bishops, A. H. Bryan, Gastonia; C. R. Curtis, Hayesville; J. C. Davis, Overseer and pastor of Tusquitee; and C. C. Walker, Gastonia. The deacons were

F. G. Chambers and L. B. Mosteller. The evangelists were Nora Chambers, C. G. Coggins, Erastus; E. D. Hopkin Cullowhee; Bessie Petrea, Clover, S.C.; W. M. Stalling Kannapolis; and J. W. Walker of Gastonia.

CAMPGROUND DEVELOPMENT

As the church grew, it became evident that there was a need for state meetings. At these meetings, the ministers and laymen could fellowship and worship together.

SNOWD BRANCH

As early as 1924, the Snowd Branch church saw the need for such a gathering. In 1925 a tent was erected under the leadership of A. L. Crisp, founder of the church. The speaker for the first Camp Meeting was Jack Heath.

By September 10, 1927, the first tabernacle had been constructed. The land was donated by J. O. Jackson and the men cut the timber and built the tabernacle themselves. The building committee consisted of Willie Crisp, Fred Hardy, C. H. Dean, Walter Jackson, Dan Mizell, Dave Leggett, Lee Pittman, Johnny Pridgen, John P. Hodges, Joe Griffin, Stangel and Lon Lilley, and Luther and Godfrey Little.

This Camp Meeting started locally, but during the 50's the state took it over for about seven years. Later it was again operated locally by four districts: Washington, New Bern, Plymouth, and Greenville.



T. L. Little and wife, early evangelists from Snowd Branch Church

STATE CONVENTIONS

From this local meeting, a state convention was begun, lasting three or four days. In 1932, the first state convention convened at Erwin with J. L. Stephens as State Overseer. Through the next years, the convention was moved to Gastonia; Charlotte High School; to the Charlotte Armory and for several years it convened in the Kannapolis church on Elm Street.



BISHOPS AT CHURCH OF GOD MEETING. The college of bishops of the Church of God who are presiding at the annual convention being held here at the Charlotte armory auditorium are, left to right: Bishop John L. Stephens, state superintendent, Sanford; Bishop J. H. Walker, general superintendent, Cleveland, Tenn.; Bishop Zeno C. Tharp, superintendent education, Cleveland, Tenn.; and Bishop W. T. Nelson, district superintendent, Charlotte.



Snowd Branch



Snowd Branch Tabernacle

PROGRAM

of the

ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION CHURCHES OF GOD

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAY 13TH TO 16TH, 1936

(YOU ARE WELCOME)

MANAGEMENT
John L. Stephens, State Overseer

CLERKS
Earnest V. Arrowood, Dorothy David

MUSIC
A. J. Swift, Chairman

PIANISTS
R. E. Hamilton in charge

ENTERTAINMENT
W. T. Nelson, Mrs. W. J. McLendon, J. W. Powers
C. H. Latham, Mrs. Irene Law, Ester Holland

USHERS
Bob Presley, W. P. Morrow, J. A. Williams,
H. G. Crane, Otis Latham, W. L. Brown,
W. Helms, James Cannon.

Program: Courtesy of Floyd Reynolds.

CHARLOTTE



About 80 workers consisting of preachers and laymen who gathered on the opening cleanup day of our newly purchased campground. ECHOES July, 1947



E. W. Williams, overseer cuts first tree to clear land



R. W. Tedder and Smith, contractor, prepare to work

In 1947 under the leadership of E. W. Williams, a permanent facility was sought. In May 1947, 60 acres of land was purchased from Ed Gallagher for \$17,500 with 1,600 feet of frontage on Wilkinson Boulevard. The land was cleared by the men of the state donating three days labor or sending \$15 to the State Fund for that purpose.

The church purchased 30 acres of land in 1963 from E. L. Black Estate for \$36,250 which made a total of 90 acres.

The week of August 5-13, 1947 saw the fruit of their labor in the first state convention and camp meeting. This first camp meeting convened under a large gospel tent (60' X 150') on the new camp ground and youth camp site. E. W. Williams told the Charlotte Observer that "there will be many cottages erected by members of the Church of God and a youth camp is to be established on this site."

The first camp meeting was also accompanied by a Daily Vacation Bible School for the children in a (40' X 60') tent. J. R. Campbell and Pauline Weaver Harding were in charge each day.

The first meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. and after the welcome and greeting by E. W. Williams, Wade H. Horton came with these words, "This Camp Meeting is ordered of the Lord. I feel the strength and good help of the service already." His Scripture text was Jeremiah 18 on the subject, "The Potter and the Clay." H. D. Williams; Henry Liles; W. H. Speed; Paul W. Curtis; George D. Lemons; E. C. Clark; V. D. Combs; E. L. (Leonard) Newton; S. A. (Arehie) Luke; G. F. Carter; H. E. Stone; J. R. Easom; D. H. Delk; G. H. Grooms; R. R. Walker; John C. Jernigan; C. R. Spain; P. H. McCarn; W. C.

Lambert; L. O. Henry; C. M. Jenkerson; James L. Slay; E. D. Johnson; Howell; Mrs. Dixie Chambers; R. E. Conner; J. T. Roberts were the speakers that first camp meeting. The children's program was given by J. R. Campbell and Pauline Weaver Harding and the ladies play was given by Mrs. A. V. Childers and P. W. Chesson on

Dorcas. Dr. C. Raymond Spain expressed in his message during the camp meeting, "One thing I am impressed with about this camp meeting is that it is built around God and not personality. Anything built around God will stand."⁵ Time has proven this as one watches the growth over the years.



First camp meeting at Charlotte, August 5th - 13th, 1947



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North Carolina State Convention and Camp Meeting
Will Convene Under a Large Gospel Tent on the Campground and Youth Camp Site That Has Been Recently Purchased
August 5 - 13, 1947

Did You Know That---

LOCATION

60 acres with 1,600 foot frontage on the Wilkinson Four-lane Boulevard, seven miles west of Charlotte, eleven miles east of Gastonia

Ten Minutes Drive From the City of Charlotte



E. W. WILLIAMS
State Organizer

If you desire rooms at hotels or tourist camps, will advise that you contact the chairman of the Entertainment Committee immediately

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

C. M. Jenkerson, Chairman, 315 Church Street, Belmont, North Carolina
Roy Collins, Floyd Timmerman, J. R. Campbell, V. D. Combs, L. O. Henry, and
Rolph W. Tedder

the first North Carolina State Camp Meeting was a great success—

the large tent, 60x150 feet was filled nearly every night—

on Saturday night it was estimated that there were three to four thousand people in attendance—

we have had an increase of 812 members this year—

it was estimated that we have a one-half million dollar program, this is mostly new church buildings—

foreign mission offerings raised this year were \$27,500 (This does not include home missions)—

orphanage offerings this year are \$31,000

Bethel Church was first to pay in aged ministers' quota over forty cents a member

Under the divine guidance of the Lord and the cooperation of the ministers, members, and friends of the Church of God, it has been made possible to have this good report

Please join us in praise to God for His favors and the mighty visitation of His power and presence throughout the churches.

Many remember this Camp Meeting well, especially the Sunday afternoon the big storm came. Lightning struck trees and the winds pulled at the tent ropes. State Overseer F. W. Williams kept the crowd calm as the men held the tent ropes. At the close of the meeting, one of the pastors, D. H. Delk, stood up and said, "I will give the first \$10 on a tabernacle fund."

On July 13, 1948, North Carolina held its first service in the new tabernacle (120' X 160'). Through the years, there have been many changes in the tabernacle; but each year seems to bring greater blessings from God.



Construction of first tabernacle, April 8, 1948

During a minister's meeting in 1974, which was under the leadership of Dr. C. Raymond Spain, the idea for enlargement of the overall needs of the Charlotte camp ground was sown by the education study committee: George D. Voorhis; Sammy Oxendine; Junus Fulbright; Ronald Martin; Kenneth Hensley; and Paul D. Collins. This enlargement was to include an all-purpose building, disposition of present tabernacle, a state office and landscaping. In a special called Ministers Meeting, January 30, 1975, the men of North Carolina voted "... to proceed with the building program as presented on slides and also architect's sketch." (State Minutes, January 30, 1975, page 11, paragraph 1). These plans were made by a planning committee: George D. Voorhis; Walter Barwick; S. A. Lankford; James Griffin; Earl F. Sibbett; W. C. Loftis; Joseph Chambers.

Under Dr. C. Raymond Spain's leadership and the Council for 1974-1976, the construction of the new facilities began. On July 7, 1975, the old front was torn away. From 1975-1977 new facilities were constructed to house the new State Office, East Coast Bible College, and a new tabernacle for worship. The cost of 2.6 million dollars. Because of the construction, the 1976 Camp Meeting was postponed.

In August 1976, Dr. E. C. Thomas became the State Overseer and saw the building brought to its finished beauty. The block laying alone took exactly one year. E. F. Sibbett who was chairman of the building committee was elevated to the position of Superintendent of Construction. Joseph Chambers became the chairman of the building committee. The committee included S. A. Lankford, H. D. Sustar, James Griffin, W. C. Loftis, and A. B. Dawsey.

In September 1976, Dr. E. C. Thomas, the new State Overseer, and the new State Council were given the task of completing the building.

The building with the remodeled pre-existing building and new addition has a total of 112,000 square feet. It is composed of 129 rooms with seating for 3,600 people in the auditorium and approximately 2,000 in the gym for overflow. The banquet room on the third floor has a seating capacity of 530 while serving and approximately 1,000 for assemblies. The library has the capacity to hold 50,000 books.

The value set by the Mecklenburg Tax appraiser was \$3,112,000. The building was constructed and furnished for the cost of \$2,600,000.

The Committees during this time were:

STATE COUNCIL 1976-1978

State Council 1976-1978

C. R. Tedder
H. D. Sustar
R. P. Fields
Joseph Chambers
Ray Loftis
A. M. Stephens
A. B. Dawsey, Jr.
Doyle Maney
Kenneth Looney

State Council 1974-1976

C. S. Grogan
C. E. Allred
Ray Loftis
Bobby Ross
R. P. Fields
W. C. Loftis
Paul Collins
H. D. Sustar
E. L. Newton

State Board of Education

E. C. Thomas, Chairman
Don Anderson
H. L. Helms
Bobby Ross
M. L. Herring
I. C. Morris, Jr.
A. B. Dawsey, Liaison

Campground Committee

Hubert McGuire, Chairman
W. S. Sprinkle
E. L. Moore
N. C. Jones
W. C. Hammond

Building Committee

Joseph Chambers,
Chairman
S. A. Lankford
H. D. Sustar
James Griffin
W. C. Loftis
A. B. Dawsey

E. F. Sibbett began as chairman and was elevated to superintendent of construction.

Planning Committee

George D. Voorhis
Walter Barwick
S. A. Lankford
James Griffin
Earl F. Sibbett
W. C. Loftis
Joseph Chambers

Furnishings Committee

S. A. Lankford, Chairman
E. F. Sibbett
Paul Collins
Esther Reynolds
Mrs. C. Raymond Spain

Sanitation Committee

James Griffin, Chairman



Views of Tabernacle through the years



Block laying September 15, 1975



Hubert McGuirt assists in setting first steel beam



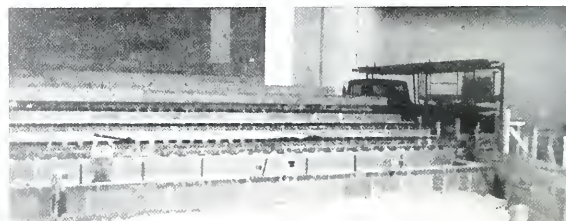
General Superintendent E. F. Sibbett and Chairman of Building Committee

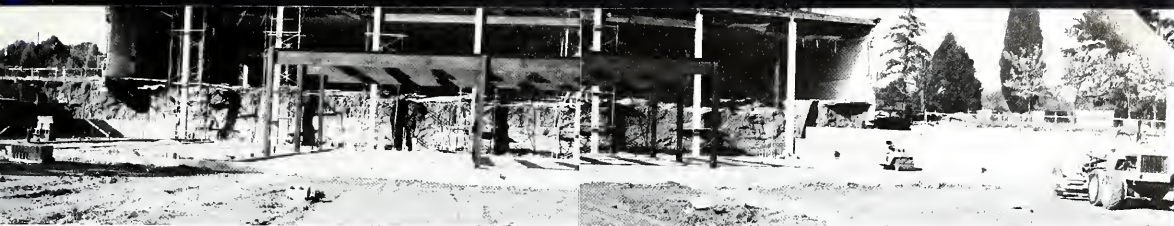


Archie Harris, masonry contractor



1974-1976 State Council at last block laying with Dr. E. C. Thomas, Walter Barwick, Dr. George D. Voorhis, E. F. Sibbett, September 1976





Construction site



Superintendent of construction, Rev. E. F. Sibbett, with building permit, July 29th.



Bill Moody placing building permit on tree



W. C. Hammonds and E. F. Sibbett readjusting building permit



Dr. E. C. Thomas and ministers view building



The building before removal of soil begins



Removing soil



Moving old building to landfill



It seemed as if the rain would never stop



David Livingston, W. C. Hammonds, C. L. Leonard and C. R. Spain viewing old stage being torn out.



Sanitation Engineer James Griffin checking sewage lines

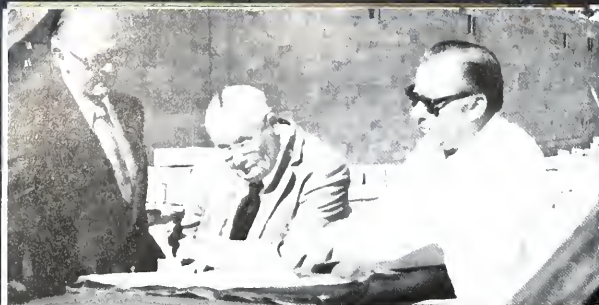
Didn't it rain



Foreman Arnold Kirkland with E. F. Sibbett discussing progress



Ready for foundation



H. D. Williams, W. D. Dowdy and E. F. Sibbett looking over blueprints



Arnold Kirkland, C. Raymond Spain, Douglas W. Slocumb, David Livingston and S. A. Lankford.



E. L. Newton and brother visiting construction site



R. W. Tedder, W. C. Hammonds, Bill Moody watch foundation being laid



Mrs. Robert Becton and Mrs. Winston Clark admire progress of building



Bill Moody checking progress of building



J. Frank Spivey, Missions Representative, with Henry Liles staining furniture for college



C. R. Spain explaining progress to W. P. Pope



I. C. Morris Sr. shows his "Youth Camp Youth" as progress moves on.





Former overseer McCarn inspects site



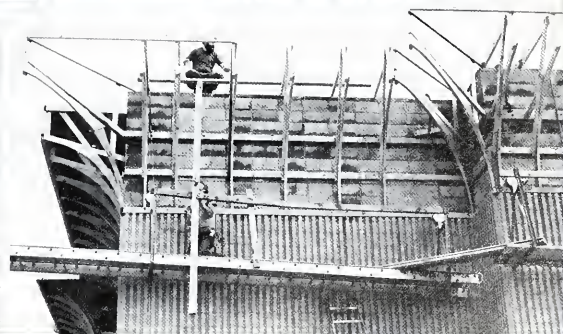
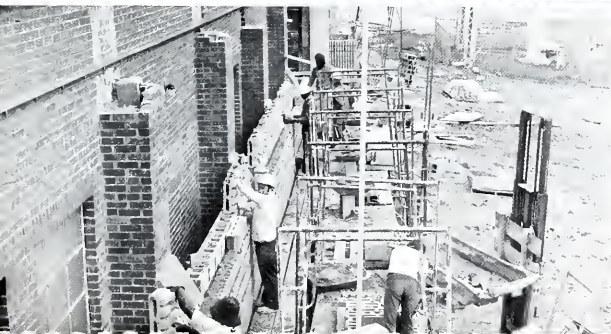
Dr. Voorhis, Wayne Rosson, and A. M. Stephens view building



Esther Reynolds and Ruth Baker check progress



E. F. Sibbett explaining progress to S. D. Martin and wife



PEMBROKE

The American Indian has not been forgotten by the Church of God in North Carolina.

From the organization of Saddletree Church on December 2, 1948, by R. P. Fields, a need for an Indian Camp Meeting became evident.

Under the leadership of R. P. Fields and L. H. Aultman, State Overseer, a Camp Meeting for 1958 was planned. L. H. Aultman was the evening speaker.

On September 21, 1959, a Camp Meeting was held on the newly purchased twenty-four (24) acres. A tent was erected and A. V. Childers became the first speaker in the new facilities.

Before the 1962 Camp Meeting, a tabernacle was erected under the leadership of the building committee: Ralph Tedder, chairman; R. P. Fields, Fred Jump; E. L. Newton; and G. C. Timmerman.

In 1972, \$20,000 was appropriated for the extension of the tabernacle. Presently, we have a beautiful tabernacle, district parsonage, and concession stands.

The first Day Camp was held on June 13, 1977, under the direction of State Youth and Christian Education Director, Paul D. Collins, and District Overseer, Millard Maynard.





Pembroke's first Youth Camp workers-1977



Candy and Paul Tedder with Harold at Pembroke Youth Camp-1977

KENLY

In 1966, the Kenly Assembly Grounds were purchased from the Wilson County School District. On the property stood the old St. Mary's School. This became the home of the Eastern Camp Meeting.

At the 1968 Ministers Meeting \$50,000 was appropriated for expansion and development of these grounds.

A ten-year development program under the leadership of Robert Hart, Eastern Evangelism Director, was instituted in 1970. The committee consisted of W. C. Lambert, Chairman; Henry Liles; G. G. Easom; C. E. Knowles; E. L. Newton; and B. V. Childers. The program consisted of building dormitories, adequate youth camp facilities, trailer park, parking, cafeteria, and concession stands.

At the present, the facilities include the old school house which houses the Evangelism Director's office, Secretary's office, Council Room, Assembly Room, Cafeteria, and boys' dorm rooms. Also on the seventy-one (71) acres is a beautiful girls' dorm, swimming pool, State Evangelism Parsonage, caretaker's home, tabernacle, which seats 3,000 and concession stands.

The first youth camp convened on July 19-23, 1971, with 129 in attendance. Jesse Boyd was the evening speaker. Bob Sustar was serving as State Youth and Christian Education Director.





First Eastern Youth Camp at Kenly - July 19-23, 1971



First Youth Camp Workers at Kenly-1971



Dormitory



Old schoolhouse and dormitory

Eastern Evangelism Parsonage



WESTERN

For several years, a Western Camp Meeting was held in different areas of the Great Smoky Mountains. As these meetings grew, it became evident that a permanent home must be secured.

In 1970, one hundred and six acres of land was purchased on Highway 19-A located five miles from Cherokee. This property situated in the beautiful Smoky Mountains became the home of the Western Camp Meeting.

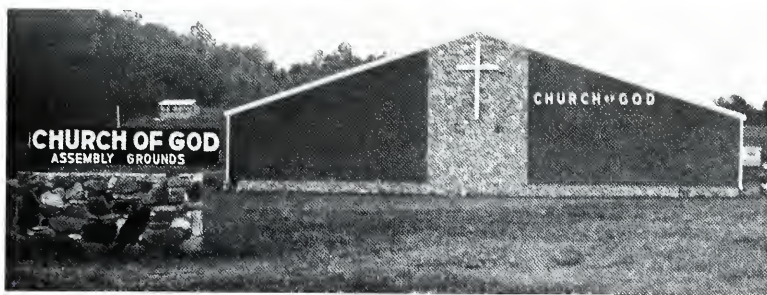
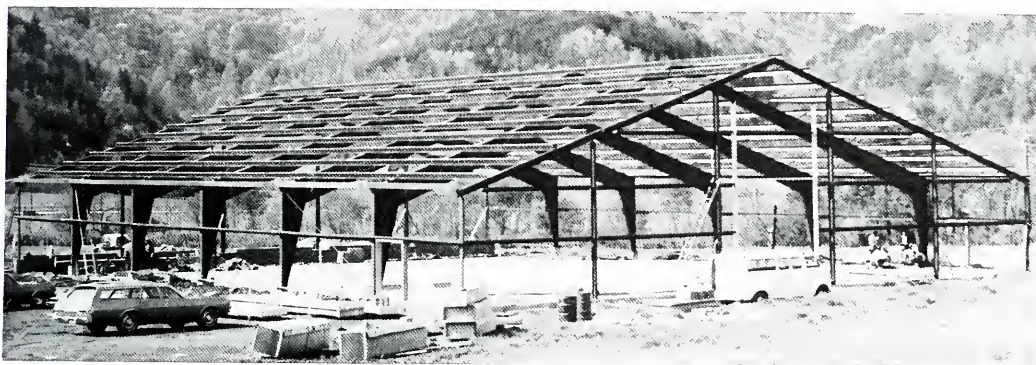
Plans were set into action to erect a tabernacle. The committee chaired by Bill Sheeks, Western Evangelism Director, included James Hamblin, Doyle Maney, S. A.

Lankford, and Ray Loftis.

Eleven acres were sold to the State for a highway leaving ninety five on which plans were formulated to erect the tabernacle, bath houses, concession stands, and establish trailer lots, camper parking spaces, and a lot for a caretaker's trailer.

In 1971, the tabernacle was erected and from August 16-22, the first Camp Meeting was held with John D. Nichols as evening speaker.

On July 17-21, 1972, the first Western Youth Camp was held at the new facilities. Bob Sustar was the State Youth and Christian Education Director.



The Western North Carolina Camp Meeting And Pioneers Celebration



This was an occasion to remember!

The idea of a pioneer celebration came from the Reverend Paul T. Nance, pastor of Hayesville, and other ministers of Western North Carolina suggested that it be set up as a Camp Meeting.

Thus, at the eighty-first anniversary of the birth of the Church of God, and at a rustic setting near the original site of its birth, the Western North Carolina Camp Meeting and Pioneers Celebration convened August 14-20, 1967.

Along with the ministers and laity from across the state of North Carolina, there were other visitors, both of the ministry and the laity, from Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, and Ohio.

Among those who came from the General Headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee, were the General Overseer, Dr. Charles W. Conn; the National LWWB President, Mrs. Charles W. Conn; Editor of Church of God Publications, the Reverend Lewis J. Willis; Editorial Assistant, Mr. Duran Palmertree; and the Director of Public Relations, the Reverend Hollis Green.

Morning sessions included lectures and sermons given by the State Overseer and the State Evangelism Director. The evening services were spiritually enthusiastic and the singing was with the kind of gusto that

characterized the early pioneer days.

The evening speakers each seemed to be, in this relaxed, rustic situation, equal to the best they had ever been, or maybe a little better.

They were the Reverend A. B. Dawsey, pastor of South Henderson, North Carolina; the Reverend R. J. Johnson, pastor of Cocoa, Florida; and the Reverend Dr. Charles W. Conn, general overseer of the Church of God.

On Sunday morning, memories of the olden days were vividly portrayed as the Reverend G. H. Grooms, Sr. dressed as a mountaineer pastor, came riding up to the arbor on a horse, and behind him came a two-horse wagon filled with aged members of the church, dressed in costumes that were the styles of three-quarters of a century ago.

With proper deference to all the speakers and singers of the camp, it must be said that the most impressive features (other than souls saved) were the testimonies of the precious senior saints who had, for threescore years-some more, some less, kept the faith and moved forward with the Church of God.

The rich memories of how God brought them through, and their firm faith and trust in God for the future, and the fact that the things of this world become less important while the things of the future seem to grow more real, all suggest to me that there is a mighty good prospect for a pioneer celebration on the elysian hills of heaven. Let's all plan to attend.

CHURCH OF GOD CHILDREN HOME



A. V. Childers, Founder & Superintendent (1943-1946) and G. E. Weatherby, Superintendent (1966-1977)

The Biblical Writer James said, that "Pure Religion" involves caring for the fatherless; thus we have the Scriptural meaning of The Church of God Children's Home as it exists now.

The idea of a Church of God Children's Home in North Carolina was born in the mind of the Reverend A. V. Childers, pastor of the Elm Street Church of God, Kannapolis, North Carolina. The Lord works in mysterious ways and this was nonetheless true in the beginning of this Institution.

On January 10th, 1944, on a dreary Monday night two small girls were left at the home of one of the radio listeners of the Elm Street Church and then later, a five months old boy was left at the parsonage. This was God's way of confirming what the young minister had felt for a long time—that an Orphanage must be started, financed by his own people, that would later be the home of hundred of otherwise homeless children.

On the third Sunday of January 1944, the children



H. D. Williams, L. H. Aultman, P. H. McCarn with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cannon, benefactors.

were compassionately presented to the Elm Street Church's congregation, and the Lord again proved that He was the initiator of such a vast program. The congregation felt that a Children's Home was the need of the hour and responded by laying thousands of dollars on the altar and pledged thousands more. It was a simple beginning but the fact that God was in it, made it worthwhile and far-reaching. The young pastor and his wife kept five children in their home for nine months — until a suitable place could be found.

The first donations came from the Elm Street Church of God congregation and its radio audience. The first property — 6 1/2 acres of land and a frame house near Concord, North Carolina, was given by Mr. C. A. Cannon. In the Fall of 1944, nine children and four workers began operation as the KANNAPOLIS CHILDREN'S HOME. For this period of time, approximately one year, the Elm Street Church with the Pastor assumed full responsibility of operating the Home; but, the demands of the Home were so great and expansion so demanding that financial and other assistance was necessary. The project was presented to the Ministers of the Church of God in North Carolina and after much prayer and negotiations, the Ministers voted to make the Orphanage a Church of God Institution. February 1, 1945, the Home was incorporated as THE CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANS AND CHILDREN'S HOME OF N.C., INC.⁷

Located midway between Concord and Kannapolis, North Carolina, off Winecoff School Road and Highway 29-A, the Church of God Home for Children is situated upon a beautiful 275 acre tract of land.



Front row: S. W. Avery, Daniel Shortridge, E. C. Thomas, Arvie Nations, E. L. Newton. Back row: C. E. Knowles, Joe Chambers, Billy Franklin, W. P. Pope, Jr.



From then until now, God has graciously supplied our needs and much growth and progress has been accomplished under the leadership of various superintendents.

From nine children, we have cared for sixty-five children at one time. We have a Superintendent's Home, Administration Building, Dining Hall-Kitchen, four cottages, Gymnasium, Duplex Apartment, a four-room house for Maintenance man, and a six-room house for the Farm Manager, swimming pool and spacious grounds.

The Children's Home is adequately equipped to care for sixty children without crowding and at no time has there been any competitive spirit to outgrow any other like institution in numerical strength. The Home has served more than 300 children. Presently there are 47 children on Campus with 3 students at Lee College. This is further emphasized by the all-round cultural, social, recreational, and spiritual program offered to each child in the Home.

Much of the success of this Orphanage is to be given to sacrificial Christians who have given up lucrative positions elsewhere and have shown interest in very menial tasks to fulfill the blessed command to care for the Fatherless.



Home for Children Gym

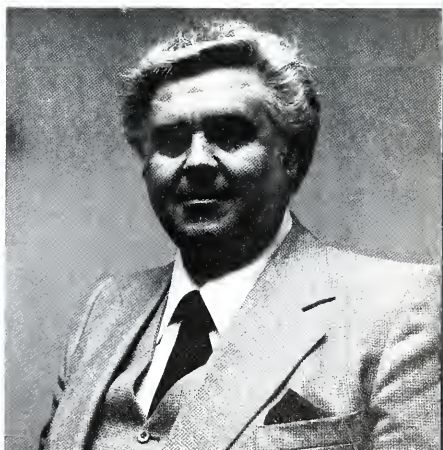
CHILDREN OF THE HOME





Part of the group attending the Tri-State Orphanage Board of Directors' Meeting. Second from left: Rev. G. E. Weatherby, Supt. of the N.C. Children's Home; The Rev. B. A. Brown, Supt. of the Sevierville Home; The Rev. Floyd Timmerman, Executive Representative; The Rev. C. R. Spain, Overseer of N.C., and The Rev. A. A. Padgett, Supt. of the S. C. Home for Children.

Retirement party for G. E. Weatherby



Brother and Sister Fields and friends enjoy the good Barbecue dinner

Lunch-Time at the Eastern Harvest Festival

Donald Anderson, Present Superintendent

LADIES AUXILIARY



Mrs. E. C. Thomas, Ladies Auxiliary President

In 1929, Mrs. S. J. Woods, wife of the Overseer of Texas, organized the first women's auxiliary under the name of Ladies Willing Worker Band. This organization was endorsed by the General Assembly in 1936 as a church-wide auxiliary. Later, in the 1970 General Assembly, their name was changed to Ladies Auxiliary.

For many years the ladies of North Carolina had ladies auxiliaries functioning in the local churches. They were known by various names such as Ladies Prayer Band, Dorcas Circle, and Ladies Aid.

These ladies worked in their homes, churches, and communities to further the cause of Christ. They have supported the evangelistic outreach of the Church through prayer meetings, Bible Studies, and various organizations. Home Missions and Foreign Missions have become a vital concern of these ladies.

Many times it became necessary that these ladies tithe their time to assist in raising funds to build their churches and parsonages, to support their pastor and help in raising funds for other church projects. In many cases, they have



Mrs. E. W. Williams, State Ladies Auxiliary President, 1937-1940 and 1946-1950

been a major factor in keeping many church doors open.

For many years the ladies did not report to the State Office. During her husband's administration, Mrs. E. W. Williams became concerned over this fact and began to send out cards for the purpose of reporting. Before each month's cards were sent out, this dedicated Christian lady would have prayer over each mailing. These reports served as encouragement to ladies throughout the state.

To raise money for missions projects and the budget, again Mrs. Williams set an example. At many council meetings, she would cook and serve the meals herself and



Christmas bazaar held at South Winston Salem Church of God, December 1977



Kenneth Looney with turkey sold at Winston Salem bazaar



James and Henry Coggins with Robbie and Wayne Slocumb on horse sold at a church bazaar held in Lowell

turn the money into the state program. Many times she also helped her local church in this manner. Her husband, E. W. Williams, many times said she took the food out of her freezer for these dinners.

Through a Christian leader as this, the Ladies Auxiliaries throughout North Carolina have become leaders in the missions thrust.



First Ladies Retreat was held at Montreat, N.C. in 1970

Mrs E. C. (Alice) Thomas presently serves as the Ladies Auxiliary State President. Through her direction a Ministers Wives Retreat was held May 2-4, 1977. The first retreat was held in 1970 with Mrs. David Lemons, State President, as Director.

Through Mrs. Thomas' encouragement and leadership, the years program has been a great success. The ladies of North Carolina raised \$1,579.73 for Kenly, \$3,656.32 for the Big Sister Program, and sent several thousand dollars in clothing, blankets, etc. to the American Indians in Gallup, New Mexico.



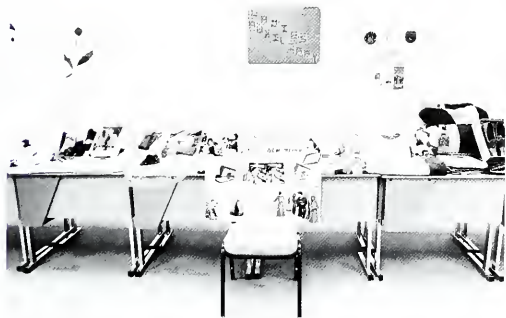
Alice Thomas, State Ladies Auxiliary President, and Patsy Collins, State Joybells President, look over new materials.



Ladies Auxiliary Tea held in 1970



Alice Thomas and Kat Lankford, State Kid Klub Coordinator, confer on plans for Kids Klubs



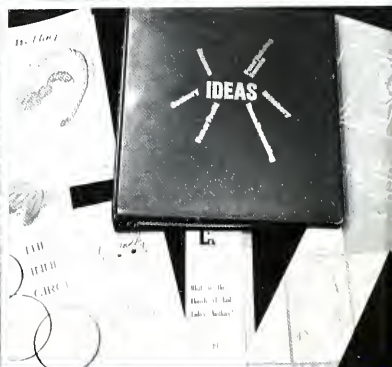
Ladies Auxiliary booth at Camp Meeting



South Gastonia ladies. One of the many churches that sent blankets to Gallup, New Mexico.



LADIES RETREAT AT MONTREAT 1977



STATE YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

With the growing state came the need of a ministry to the youth. Ralph Williams was elected the first director of this program. He served as the Youth Director for four years and later became the first National Youth Director. Carl Johnson became the Director after Ralph Williams; however, after a short time, this office was abolished and the assistant state overseer took care of those duties.

In 1947 the office was reorganized and E. C. Thomas became the Assistant State Overseer and State Youth Director. After the General Assembly in 1948, North Carolina dropped the title of Assistant State Overseer and retained the office of State Youth Director.

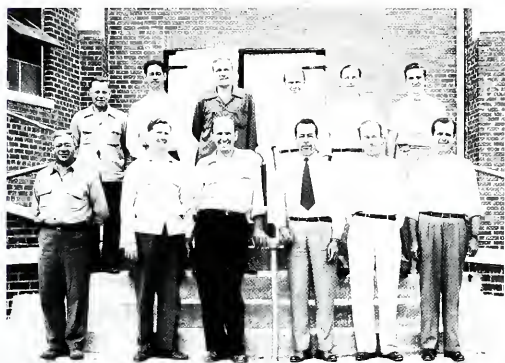
With the new office came the need for a youth camp program. In September 1949, upon recommendation from the Youth Board, the state ministers recommended a committee of five to study the possibilities of youth camps. The committee consisted of Youth Board members Archie

Luke, A. A. Padgett and Floyd Timmerman, appointed members Wade H. Horton and Frank Petracelli. The plan and formulation committee of action to hold youth camps on the campground consisted of H. D. Sustar, D. R. Robinson, T. W. Day, Frank Petracelli and S. D. Martin. They had \$1,000 set aside for camp budget.

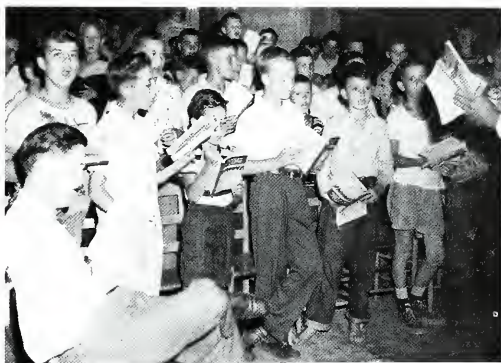
The first camp opened in 1950 just for the boys. The camp director was Wade H. Horton.

In 1951, the camp became coed. Alice (Mrs. E. C.) Thomas became the director of the girls and Wade H. Horton director for the boys.

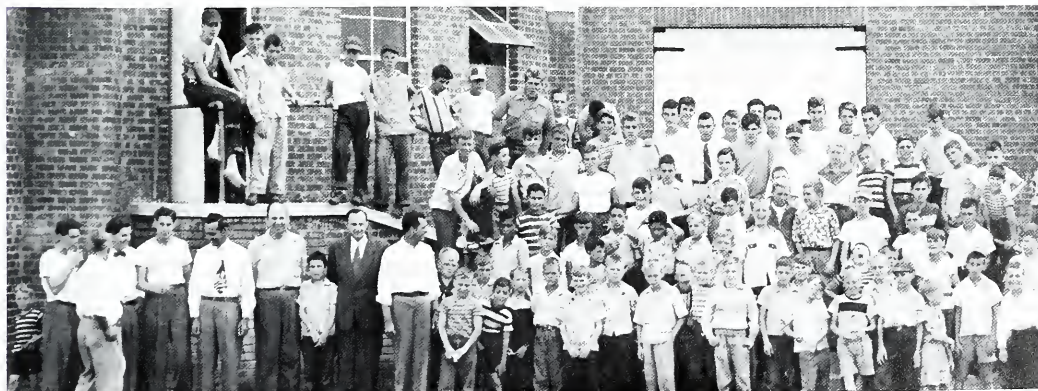
From this beginning, youth camps have grown from one camp to seven in 1977. There were three camps in Charlotte, two in Kenly, one in Whittier, and the newest camp in Pembroke. The total attendance reached 1661 with 340 Conversions, 202 Sanctified, 85 Baptized with Holy Ghost, and 180 baptized in water.



First Camp Workers



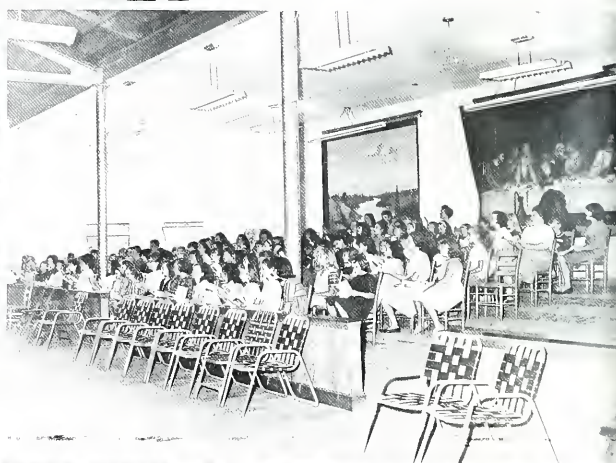
Music class in early camp and L. B. Thomas

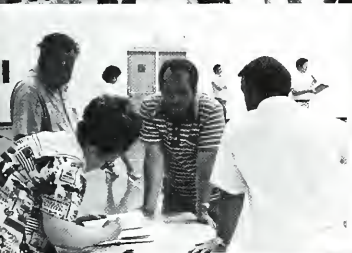


First Youth Camp - Boys 1950



First Coed Camp Workers





Through the years, the Youth Department has grown because of its leadership. The year 1977 is no exception. Paul D. Collins was appointed State Youth and Christian Education Director in 1976. Working along with him on the State Youth and Christian Education Board are Larry Poole, Jerry Smith, Y. Z. Isaacs, Sam Crisp, James P. Betts, Ronald Martin, Daniel Shortridge, and Kennet Looney, State Council Liaison.



Five State Youth Directors



District Youth Directors' Seminar



Bobby Ross ministers to youth during Freedom Rally



Walk-A-Thon for YWEA at Kings Mountain



Hawaii State Overseer, Bill Sheeks, greets people



Teen Talent



Christian Education Seminar



Special Ministers Meeting during Family Life Seminar



Dr. E. C. Thomas on Youth Department Holy Land Tour



Lamar Vest, Assistant National Youth and Christian Education Director



Family Life Seminar



S. A. and Kat Lankford celebrating 25th wedding anniversary on Holy Land Tour

Communion Service on Holy Land Tour



EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

As the evangelism endeavor of the state increased, there became a necessity for a department to promote all the phases of evangelism and to encourage missions and new churches.

In 1955, this department was organized with A. V. Childers accepting the directorship. Unfortunately, this department was abolished in 1958 and was not reorganized until 1963 when W. C. Lambert became the director.

As the program grew it became necessary to establish an Eastern Evangelism Department and Western Evangelism Department. In September 1968, Robert Hart became the first Eastern Evangelism Director.

At the present, the Western Evangelism Department is headed by S. A. Lankford and Walter Barwick heads the Eastern Evangelism Department. Nine churches have been organized, numerous Kids Klubs, Men's Fellowships

and seminars on evangelism held since September 1976.

A SAFE Club (Senior Adult Fellowship Endeavor) was organized for the Senior Adults on March 31, 1977. This club gives our senior citizens an opportunity to fellowship with each other.

The Evangelism Department also held the first Senior Adult Retreat at the Charlotte State Headquarters on May 17-19, 1977. This was a great blessing to these christian adults that have long carried the banner of holiness. They met for a time of fellowship and recreation but most of all to worship together.

The harvest is fully ripe and North Carolina continues to go into the fields to reap the harvest of children, teens, adults, and senior adults.



N. C. Senior Adult Fellowship endeavor organizes



S.A.F.E. Club Officers

Mrs. Henry Liles, Secretary
G. H. Grooms Sr., Vice President
H. T. Durden, President



Senior Adult Retreat - H. D. Williams and David Lemmons, speakers



H. D. Williams and W. W. Wilson play shuffleboard at S.A.F.E. Retreat



A time of fellowship and reminiscing at Senior Adult Retreat



Time of fellowship



P.F.C. Action Rally N. C. Delegates



Laymen's Banquet



Laymen's Banquet-July 1977



Bobby Ross and Kenneth Looney discussing School of Lay Evangelism at Banquet School of Evangelism Banquet-July 1977



School of Evangelism Banquet-July 1977



S. A. Lankford greeting guests at Banquet with Leonard Albert & Pat

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

"Study to show thyself approved unto God" has long been the cry of the Educational Department of North Carolina.

E. W. Williams, Overseer 1937-1940, became

concerned with the education of laymen and ministers in the church. A four-week Bible School was organized in Kannapolis in 1938 but after 1940 the program was abandoned.



First Bible School-1938



Bible School-1940

In 1948, E. C. Thomas, State Youth Director, and E. W. Williams, Overseer, reorganized the Bible School for a four-week term. This school was moved to Charlotte Campground in 1949 and increased its term from four to six weeks.

From 1949 until 1977, there has been a Bible School on the Charlotte Camp Ground. Through these years, many students have graduated from the Bible School and have gone into the local churches better leaders and ministers.



Bible School-1949



Bible School-1950



Bible School-1951

The General Board of Education established the Ministerial Enrichment Institutes in North Carolina 1972. There are five institutes in various parts of the state.

There was still a definite need for deeper educational programs for Bible students in North Carolina.

In 1974, C. Raymond Spain, State Overseer, along with the planning committee, George D. Voorhis, Walter Barwick, S. A. Lankford, James Griffin, Earl F. Sibbett, W. C. Loftis, and Joseph Chambers, presented plans for a Bible College to be instituted on the Charlotte Campground to the ministers of the state. At the Mid-Winter Camp Meeting, a proposal was brought to the ministers and a program was launched.

The building would consist of 88,000 square feet in its three stories. The ground floor would house the State Offices, lobby, and the college library. The second floor would contain the administrative offices of the College, classrooms, tabernacle, and gym, which would be used as an overflow room during State meetings. The third floor would house classrooms, banquet hall-chapel and temporary girls' dormitory rooms.

On the formation of these plans came the birth of East Coast Bible College. George D. Voorhis, Doctor of Ministers, was selected President of the College. Dr. Voorhis began a program to raise monies to help the new college with its costs and also collected volumes for the library.

EAST COAST BIBLE COLLEGE



East Coast Bible College goes to the General Assembly 1976.



Students of East Coast Bible College



Dr. & Mrs. George Voorhis



Building committee checking girls' dorm rooms



First day of registration-1976



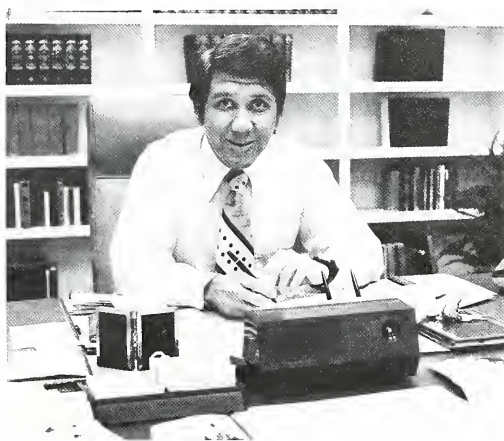
Dorm being prepared for college students

EAST COAST BIBLE COLLEGE FACULTY

On September 12, 1976, the first college students entered the doors of East Coast Bible College. The first year's enrollment was 137 from thirteen states.



Dr. George D. Voorhis, President, East Coast Bible College



Sammy Oxendine, Dean of College



Rebecca Hansford



Eddie Wilson



Bobby Gilley, Dean of Students



Mrs. George Voorhis



Keith Ivester



Tom Wilson



General Board of Education holds meeting at East Coast Bible College



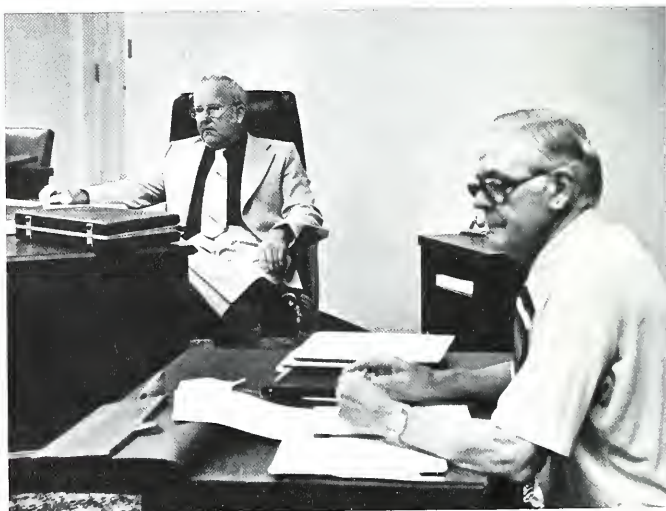
Dr. & Mrs. French Arrington at General Board of Education Meeting



Harold Stephens, Billy George, Sammy Oxendine and Robert Fisher at General Board of Education Meeting



Dr. H. D. William addresses student body during board meeting



David Lanier, chairman of General Board of Education and Dr. H. D. William



East Coast Bible College Chorale



State Board of Education and East Coast Bible College President and Dean



David Lanier, Chairman General Board of Education address student body



Throughout the church's history, Bible Schools have been held in various parts of the state. As the result of the pilot program conducted at the Saddletree Church of God in 1965, the first Indian Bible School was held at the Riverside Church of God in 1966. On May 15, 1967, under the leadership of Bill Sheeks, Millard Maynard, and B. E. Ellis, the first Cherokee Bible School was held. From

August 28 - September 1, 1967, the first Eastern Bible School was held with instructors B. E. Ellis, D. L. Lemons, and G. E. Weatherby. The Black District Bible School was organized May 1-5, 1972 at the West Ninth Street Church of God in Washington with instructors Robert Hart, Bob Sustar, and J. N. Geiger, District Overseer and Principal.



EASTERN BIBLE



Black District Bible School



Bible Institute for Ministerial and Lay Enrichment, Greensboro, 1978 (Lay Section)



Graduating Class, Kenly Bible Institute

LEE COLLEGE ALUMNI

NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER



Lee College



*East Coast
Bible College*

LEE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Ministerial Student Scholarship*

A \$1,000 Ministerial Scholarship is awarded annually to a North Carolina high school senior. Each applicant must affirm a definite call to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Christian Student Scholarship*

1. A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior who is the son or daughter of a North Carolina Church of God minister.

2. A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior who is the son or daughter of a North Carolina Church of God lay person.

Memorial Scholarship Fund*

The North Carolina Alumni Chapter awards a Memorial Scholarship to assist the son or daughter of a deceased or totally disabled minister to attend Lee College. The Reverend and Mrs. Hubert McGuirt and the Reverend and Mrs. J. B. McLendon have allowed the Alumni Association to initiate the Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of the memory of their deceased sons, Mitchell McGuirt and Daniel McLendon.

*The Alumni Executive Committee interviews the applicants, selects the recipient and applies the scholarship to the student's account at Lee College. The winner of this scholarship will be announced on Youth Day of the Charlotte Camp Meeting.

Lee College Day Scholarship

A \$500 Scholarship is awarded annually to a North Carolina high school senior who is present for the drawing at Lee College. (Only those seniors who are riding the state sponsored bus are eligible.)

Alumni Membership Scholarships:

Two (2) \$500 Scholarships are awarded annually to the persons obtaining the most Alumni membership subscriptions over 300 with names and addresses.

The deadline for subscriptions is Saturday, 4:00 p.m. of the Charlotte Camp Meeting.

The North Carolina Chapter of Lee College Alumni is dedicated to the promotion of higher education at Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee, and East Coast Bible College, Charlotte, North Carolina.

EAST COAST BIBLE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Ministerial Student Scholarship:*

A \$750 Ministerial Scholarship is awarded annually to a North Carolina high school senior. Each applicant must affirm a definite call to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Christian Education Student Scholarship:*

A \$750 Scholarship is awarded annually to a North Carolina high school senior pursuing training in Christian Education.

Music Student Scholarship:*

A \$750 Scholarship is awarded annually to a North Carolina high school senior pursuing training in Christian Music.

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East Coast Bible College Day Scholarship:

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1977-1978 ALUMNI BOARD

Douglas Allen, President; Ronald D. Martin, Vice-President; Dot Griffin, Secretary; Kenneth Looney and Eugene Powers, Advisors



1974-1977 ALUMNI BOARD

Margaret Wood, Paul D. Collins, Kenneth Looney, Ronald Martin, Eugene Powers



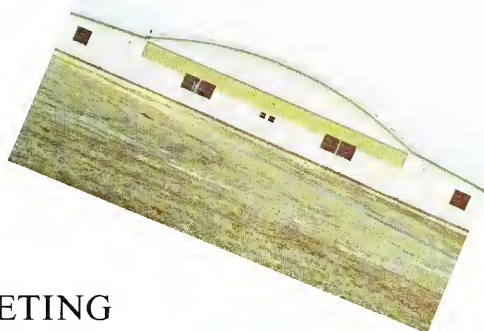
Lee College Alumni Dinner-July 1977



Lee Graduates of Early Years



Lee College Alumni Board of the Past



CAMPMEETING



1977



Kenly

The campmeeting season began June 6-12 at the Kenly Campground. Because of the leadership of Eastern Evangelism Director, Walter Barwick, the camp meeting was a huge success.

The former Eastern Evangelism Director, Robert Hart, was the Bible Teacher. Each night God anointed him

in such a way that everyone felt revived.

The evening speaker was Ronald Brock. Each night, God met the needs of the people through the ministry of Ronald Buck.

This camp meeting will go down in history as the best attended Eastern Camp Meeting.



Dr. E. C. Thomas, State Overseer



Walter Barwick, Eastern Director for Evangelism and Singers



Ronald Brock, Evening speaker



Robert Hart, Bible teacher



Paul D. Collins, State Youth and Christian Education Director



East Lumberton Ladies Choir



Charlotte

Camp Meeting 1977 was one of the most exciting ever held. It had been thirty years since the first Camp Meeting at Charlotte, but the air was electrified with a spirit of love and unity during the week of dedication, July 4-10, 1977.

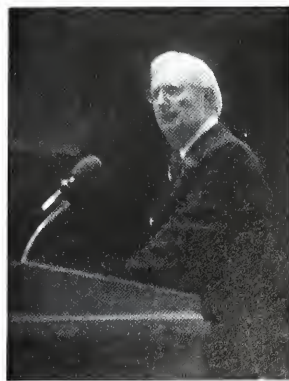
The air was charged with enthusiasm as Dr. E. C. Thomas led the church toward the dedication of the new

facilities and East Coast Bible College.

Each speaker was anointed by God. The Bible Teacher each morning was Harold B. Thompson, State Overseer of Illinois. The evening speaker was Steve Brock. These two men worked hand in hand to make this the best camp meeting ever.



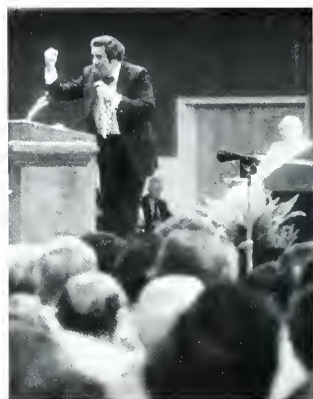
Alice Thomas and speaker's wife on opening night



Dr. E. C. Thomas opens Camp Meeting



East Coast Bible College Chorale



Steve Brock, evening speaker



Harold Thompson, Bible teacher



The Deaf were not forgotten in ministry.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



Mrs. Alice Thomas' birthday

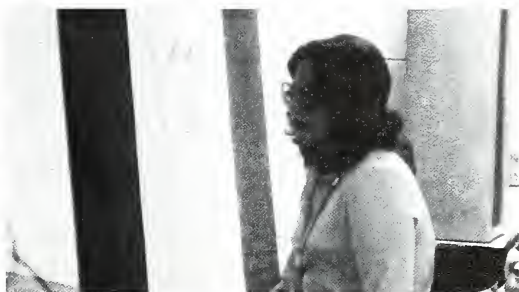


Dr. E. C. Thomas and roses he sent to Mrs. Thomas' birthday.

YOUTH



Paul and Candy Tedder



Youth Day 1977



Children's Church



Youth Banquet Singers



State Youth & C. E. Director Paul D. Collins, and Board members Y. L. Issac, Ronald D. Martin singing



Youth Banquet





Orphanage Choir



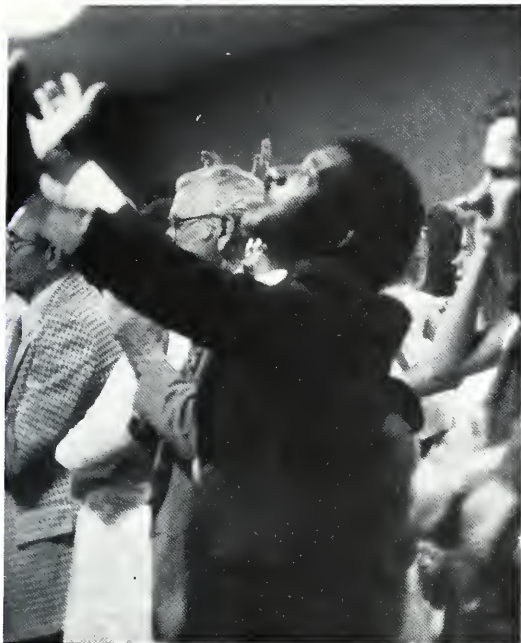
Orphanage Choir



Dedication Day 1977



Mission Awards



The camp meeting was honored to have the General Officials and their wives with us during dedication day. Present were Dr. and Mrs. Cecil B. Knight, General Overseer; Dr. and Mrs. Ray H. Huhges, First Assistant; Rev. and Mrs. Frank Culpepper, Second Assistant; Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Lowery, Third Assistant; and Dr. and Mrs. Floyd J. Timmerman, General Secretary and Treasurer. Others present were Dr. Lewis Willis, National Public Relations Director; Dr. O. W. Polen, Editor-in Chief of the Church of God EVANGEL; Floyd Carey, National Youth and C. E. Director; and Dr. Robert Fisher, General Education Director.

On dedication day, Dr. C. Raymond Spain was present and led the Dedicatorial Prayer. During this day, Dr. Cecil B. Knight and Dr. Ray H. Hughes were anointed by God to remind us of the victories He has given us through the years and the progress the state has enjoyed.

The state was honored to have present Mrs. E. W. Williams. It was during her husband's administration as State Overseer that the first tabernacle was built. E. W. Williams' vision will long be felt in North Carolina, for it was through his leadership that much of our organizational background was built.

Open House was held on Sunday afternoon. Each person who toured the building left feeling it was a monument to God and His church.

The spiritual results proved this was an outstanding camp meeting. There were 350 converted, 219 sanctified, and 303 baptized with the Holy Ghost.

*The Membership of The Church of God of North Carolina
request the honour of your presence
at the dedication of
Our new State Headquarters and East Coast Bible College
on Sunday, the tenth of July
One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven
6900 Wilkerson Boulevard
Charlotte, North Carolina*

*State Headquarters
and Facilities 10:15 a. m.
East Coast Bible College 2:00 p. m.*

*Open House
3:45-5:30 p. m.*



DR. E. C. THOMAS AND MRS. E. W. WILLIAMS

Mrs. E. W. Williams went home to glory January 26, 1978



Dedication Day Visitors 1977



Dr. & Mrs. E. C. Thomas



Dr. Cecil B. Knight gave dedication message



Building Committee-Joseph Chambers, W. C. Loftis, H. D. Sustar, A. B. Dawsey, S. A. Lankford, James Griffin, E. F. Sibbett.



Dr. Ray H. Hughes at dedication of East Coast Bible College



J. Frank Culpepper



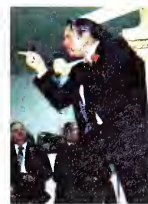
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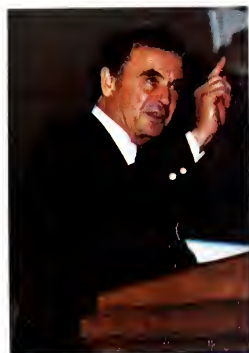
Dr. O. W. Polen



Rev. Floyd Carey



Dr. Lewis J. Willis



Dr. C. Raymond Spain



Dr. Ray H. Hughes



Dr. George D. Voorhis



Sammy Oxendine



Mike Baker





E. F. Sibbett, Superintendent of Construction



Joseph Chambers, Building Committee Chairman



Dr. E. C. Thomas at prayer of dedication of new building



Ladies Auxiliary Tea-1977



Mrs. B. A. Harper with the cake replica of the new building at Ladies Auxiliary Tea-1977



Retired minister Henry Ward takes notes at dedication services.

Mrs. Alice Thomas, State Ladies Auxiliary President

STAFF



W. C. Hammonds, Superintendent of Grounds



Bill Moody, Caretaker of new building



W. D. Moody and C. P. Bradley, night watchmen



Hattie Lowry



Ruth Baker



Martha Mecum



Dyan Phillips



Dorothy Griffin



Jean Stines



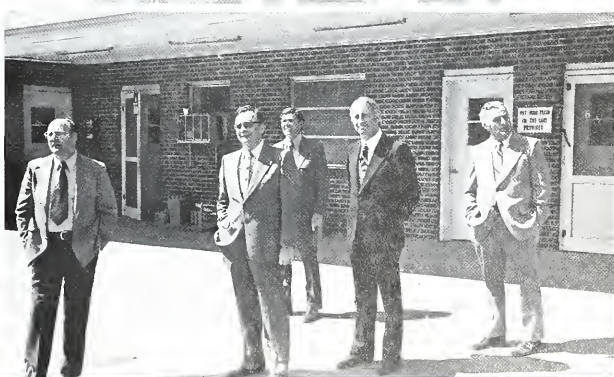
Betty Jean Tatum

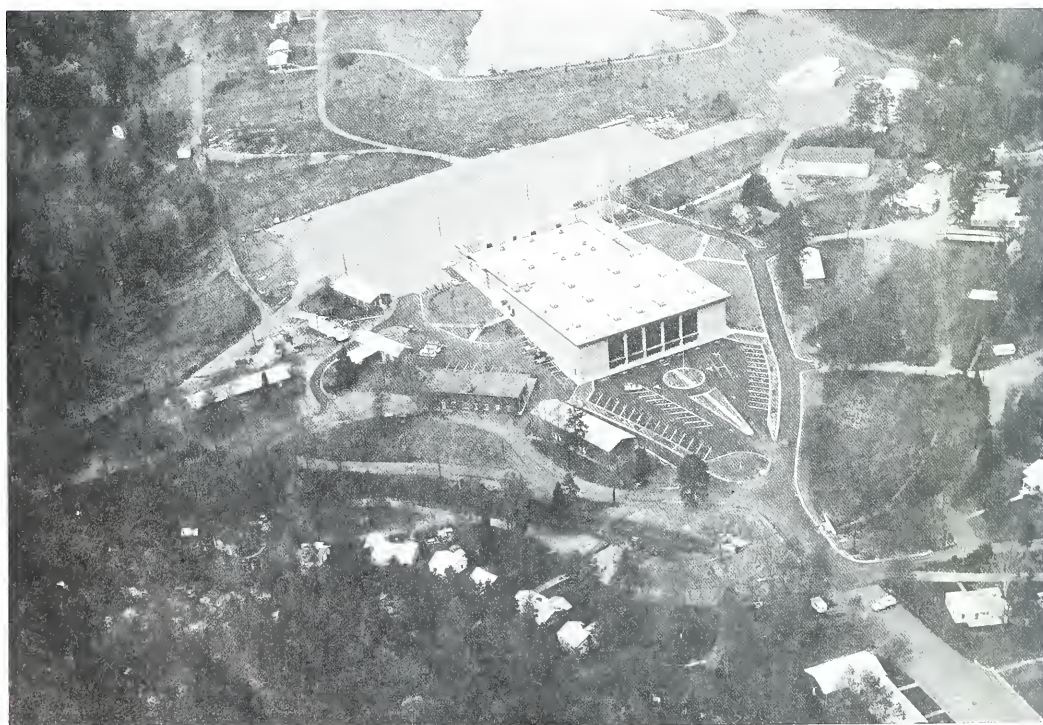


Debbie Ivester

Steve Thompson, Charlotte maintenance (picture not available)

VISITORS DURING CONSTRUCTION





Western

During the week of July 25-26, the Western Camp Meeting was held. Many people took their vacations in the beautiful Smoky Mountains and attended the Western Camp Meeting.

Dr. Wade H. Horton, guest evangelist, preached old fashioned holiness as only he can. The Holy Ghost took

control each evening and brought a great spirit of unity among the ministers and laity in the western part of the state.

Because of the hard work of S. A. Lankford, this camp meeting was a great success.





Pembroke

The Pembroke Camp Meeting convened September 5-11. This was a joyous occasion because the Spirit of God led in the raising of the land payment that enough was raised to pay the total indebtedness.

The Bible Teacher was Dr. Lewis Willis, National Public Relations Director. He spoke on the church as described in the Book of Ephesians. He was led by God in such a way that people left each session striving to be

a better Christians.

Dr. E. C. Thomas, State Overseer, was the night speaker. Each night had its own identity as the Holy Spirit led Dr. Thomas.

Many were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Numerous people were healed. Everyone agreed that "they had been to camp meeting."



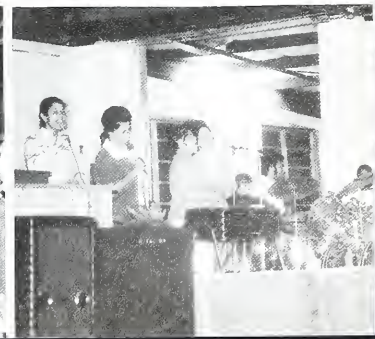
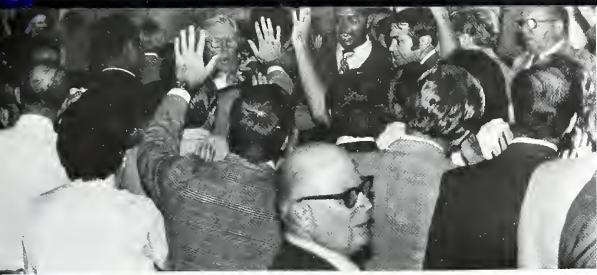
Millard Maynard, District Overseer



Dr. Lewis Willis, Evening Bible teacher



Dr. E. C. Thomas, Night Speaker



Snowd Branch

Each year four districts in the Snowd Branch area sponsor the Snowd Branch Camp Meeting. This camp meeting was the first camp meeting in the state in 1925.

The week of September 19-23, we found ourselves stepping back into history. Open air tabernacle, sawdust floors, wooden benches, and cyprus poles made us feel as if we had gone back into time.

In these old fashioned surroundings, one still felt the

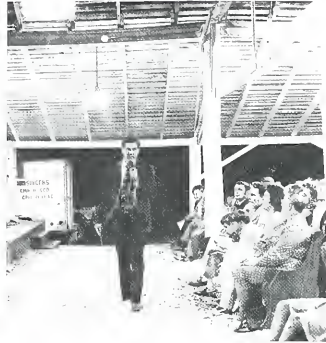
Spirit of God. Each night His spirit visited each service as Walter Barwick, Eastern Evangelism Director, ministered to the people.

The meeting was under the direction of Odell Dyson, E. H. Miles, Richard Christy, and John Wyatt.

As Dan Mizell stated of the early camp meetings, "They knew how to enjoy their religion." This can also be said of the year 1977.



Dr. E. C. Thomas greets congregation

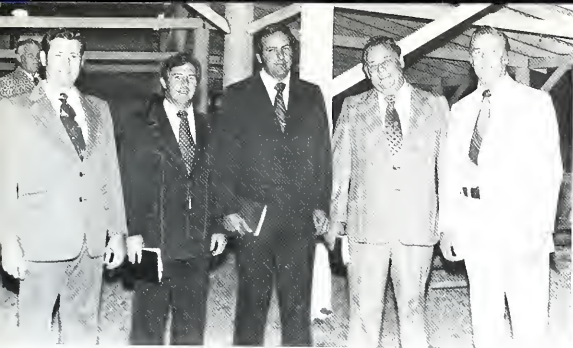


Walter Barwick, Evening speaker



Paul D. Collins greets congregation





Host pastor Marion Hammonds and District Overseers John Wyatt, Richard Christy, Odell Dyson and E. H. Miles



Jack Thomas sings for congregation



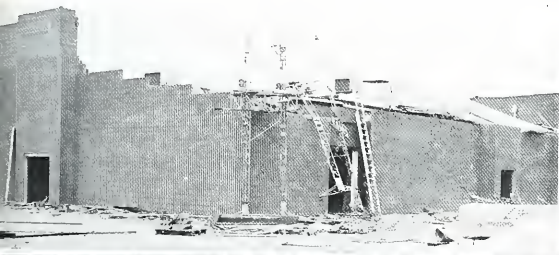
Marion Hammonds ordained at Camp Meeting



These attended first Camp Meeting 51 years ago



CHARLOTTE BUILDING EXPERIENCED STORM DAMAGE IN 1976



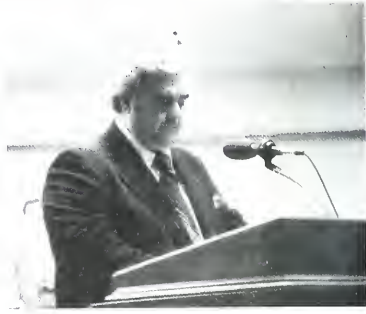
PRAYER CONFERENCE, CHARLOTTE JAN. 17th-19th, 1978



State Council honors Dr. E. C. Thomas as H. D. Sustar presents plaque



J. Frank Culpepper, evening evangelist



Don Anderson gives opening message



B. A. Brown, Northern Ohio Overseer



Thomas L. Bird, pastor from Virginia



Joe Edwards, pastor from Alabama

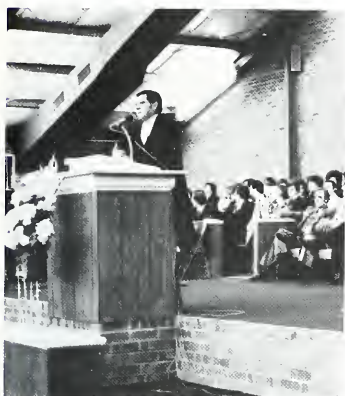
LADIES AUXILIARY SPECIAL MEETING WITH MRS. J. FRANK CULPEPPER



EAST COAST BIBLE COLLEGE ADDS TO WORSHIP IN PRAYER CONFERENCE



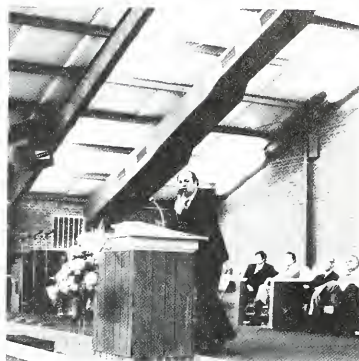
PRAYER CONFERENCE, KENLY, FEBRUARY 7th-9th, 1978



Walter Barwick, Eastern Evangelism Director



Dr. Floyd Timmerman, Evening speaker



Robert White, Evening Bible teacher



HUMAN INTEREST



Arsene Thompson established the Church of God among the Cherokee Indians. Converted in 1925. Preached since 1930. He played the role of a preacher in "Unto These Hills" from 1950 until his death October 4, 1965. He missed only one performance due to a flash flood that cut off his home from the outdoor drama. Served as pastor and supply pastor Alarka and Whittier Organized the Cherokee Church of God in September 1963. Fondly called "The Little Indian Preacher."



Cherokee Church of God



Candita Childers signs at Prayer Conference 1977



Rev. T. J. Looney, oldest minister on file in State of North Carolina and fourth in nation.



Mrs. Esther McDaniels Reynolds became State Secretary 1950



Roy Earl Hamilton, one of first B.T.S. graduates. Organized 17 churches in one assembly period. First pastor of West Asheville Church. Retired early because of health. Now resides in Cleveland, Tennessee.



Robert White, Executive Director of World Missions and Paul Childers, return missionary of 20 years fellowship with each other



State Youth Director E. C. Thomas presents E. W. Williams the keys to a 1949 Dynaflo Buick at State Camp Meeting, 1949.

WE TRAVEL



Front Row: E. H. Miles, Mrs. E. H. Miles, Mrs. Esther Slocumb, Mrs. Lucy Lambert, W. C. Lambert. Back Row: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Souther in San Juan, Puerto at convention.



Kenneth Looney and Don Anderson meet with other Lee alumni at International Training Conference.



S. A. and Kat Lanford at International Training Conference, San Juan.



Davida Barwick sings at International Training Conference, San Juan.



Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Knowles and Rev. and Mrs. Hubert McGurt at International Training Conference, San Juan.



Millard Maynard with Charles Beach in San Juan at International Training Conference.



Patsy Collins plays at International Training Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Mrs. Alice Thomas and Don Anderson in one of many training classes at San Juan, Puerto Rico International Training Conference.



Joybells at General Assembly in Dallas-1976.



Ministers greet new State Overseer E. C. Thomas at General Assembly.



E. C. Thomas filling big shoes.



Kenneth Looney and G. E. Weatherby at General Assembly.



Milan Boyd talks with son Jessie Boyd at General Assembly-1976.



Holy Land Tour

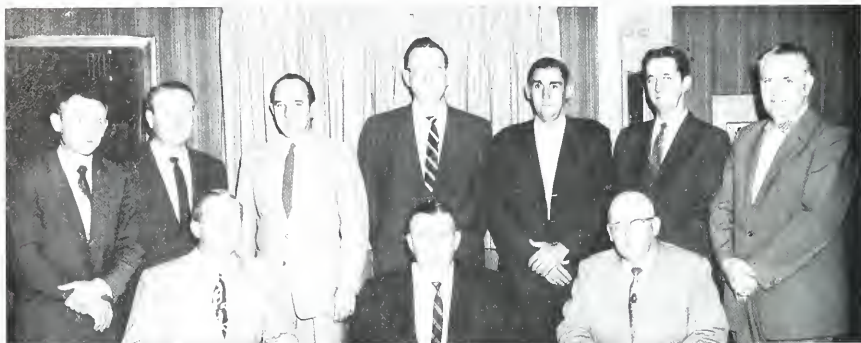


Holy Land Tour

FORMER STATE COUNCILS

1957 STATE COUNCIL

Front Row: R. W. Tedder, L. H. Aultman, Overseer; L. O. Henry, Back Row: R. P. Fields, A. A. Padgett, Harold Douglas, S. D. Martin, W. C. Lambert, C. S. Grogan, G. F. Carter.



1958 STATE COUNCIL

Front Row: W. C. Lambert, G. F. Carter, John Bird, Overseer; Esther Reynolds, State Secretary, J. R. Eason. Back Row: R. P. Fields, S. A. Luke, G. E. Weatherby, Robert Hart, H. D. Sustar, S. W. Avery, Ray Collins.



1959 STATE COUNCIL

Front Row: J. I. Byrd, Overseer. Back Row: Ray Collins, G. E. Weatherby, S. W. Avery, H. D. Sustar, W. C. Lambert, G. F. Carter, J. R. Eason, R. P. Fields.



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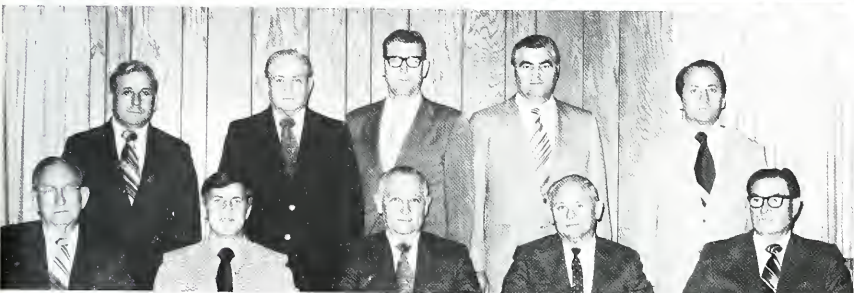
1966-68 STATE COUNCIL

Front Row: Ray Collins, David Lemons, Overseer, R. W. Tedder, G. E. Weatherby, G. F. Carter. Back Row: Robert Hart, George Voorhis, S. A. Lankford, S. W. Avery, W. J. Brown.





1968-70 STATE COUNCIL
 Front Row: R. W. Tedder, David Lemons, R. P. Fields, C. R. Tedder.
 Back Row: George Voorhis, Paul D. Collins, Bill Sheeks, Ray Loftin, A. B. Dawsey, J. R. Easom.



1970-72 STATE COUNCIL
 Front Row: S. D. Martin, Bill Sheeks, P. H. McCarn, Overseer; R. P. Fields, C. R. Tedder. Back Row: Robert Hart, J. R. Easom, Ray Loftis, A. B. Dawsey, Paul Collins.



1972-74 STATE COUNCIL
 W. C. Loftis, S. A. Lankford, E. L. Newton, W. P. Pope, P. H. McCarn, Overseer; S. D. Martin, George Voorhis, C. S. Grogan, C. E. Allred, Bobby Ross.



1974-76 STATE COUNCIL
 Front Row: W. C. Loftis, C. E. Allred, C. R. Spain, Overseer; C. S. Grogan. Back Row: Paul Collins, E. L. Newton, H. D. Sustar, Ray Loftis, Bobby Ross, R. P. Fields.



1976-78 STATE COUNCIL
 Front Row: H. D. Sustar, Dr. E. C. Thomas, Overseer; Ray Loftis, R. P. Fields. Back Row: A. M. Stephens, R. W. Tedder, Doyle Maney, A. B. Dawsey, Joseph Chambers, Kenneth Looney.

CONGREGATIONS THROUGH THE YEARS



Hickory



Clyde



Kannapolis April 5, 1953 813 in Sunday School pastor A. V. Beaubé.



South Gastonia Sunday May 22, 1935



East Gastonia (now Ranlo)



South Gastonia



Nealsville (Former Ruth Congregation) October 6, 1949



Thomasville — 1949 Homecoming

CHURCHES OLD AND NEW



Gastonia Yorkwood



Mt. Holly



South Winston Salem



Cramerton — First brick church in North Carolina 1938-39



East Burlington Fellowship Hall



West Asheville — (Old)



North Cove



Franklinton — (Old)



Oakdale in Charlotte (Former Hoskins Ave. Congregation)



Princeton



Jacksonville



Greenville



Hickory (Old)



Snowd Branch



High Shoals (Old)

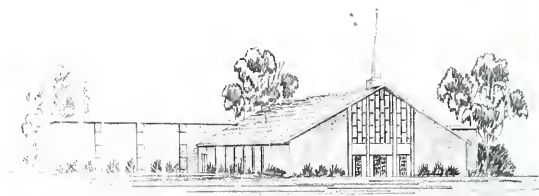


Cherokee

PROGRESS THROUGH THE YEARS



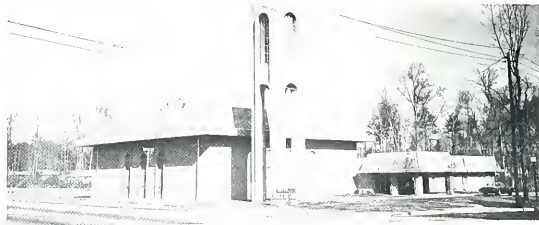
West Gastonia Church of God



Architect drawing of West Gastonia Church of God now under construction



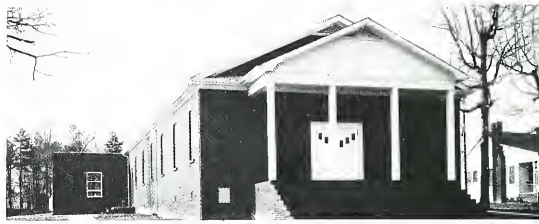
Parkwood Ave. Church of God



Eastway Drive Church of God (Former Parkwood)



Providence - (Old)



Providence



Bessemer City - (Old)



Bessemer City



Kannapolis



Kannapolis



Kinston Church of God - (Old)



Kinston Church of God



Middlesex Church of God - (Old)



Middlesex Church of God



Middlesex Parsonage - (Old)



Middlesex Parsonage



Cramerton Church of God - (Old)



Cramerton Church of God



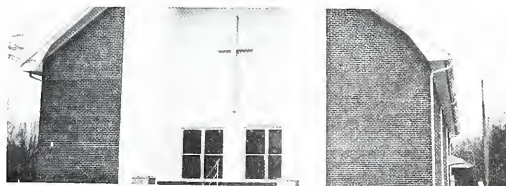
Hazelwood Church of God - (Old)



Hazelwood Church of God



South Gastonia Church of God - (Old)



South Gastonia Church of God

A builder builded a temple
He wrought it with grace and skill,
Pillars and groins and arches,
All fashioned to work His will.
Men said as they saw its beauty,
"It shall never know decay.
Great is thy skill, O builder!
Thy fame shall endure for aye!"

A teacher builded a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her ceaseless efforts,
None knew the hidden plan . . .
For the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumbled into dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Is a child's immortal soul!

TOGETHER IN THE POWER & SPIRIT

Since we see the future through "a glass darkly," we must do as our forebearers.
We must go by our faith in God having an unending vision for the world.

We must proudly remember our heritage realizing that God governs us and
charters our future course.

Through us putting our faith in God, we can help our church "double in a
decade."

LOCAL CHURCH MINISTERS

RANDLEMAN CHURCH OF GOD DAY CARE CENTER

From the mill window where she worked, Juanita Sibbett saw many of the children of Randleman walking the streets uncared for while their parents worked. God began to deal with her to start a day care for these children. For two years God dealt with her until at last she began to make plans to start the day care.

With the help of her committee: Earl F. Sibbett, Chairman; Mike Baker, Juanita Sibbett, Director; and Rachel Viekers, she began to make plans to remodel the basement of the parsonage at the cost of \$12,000. For the first year, no one received a salary. They began with a total of eight children; but within one year, it was debt free with a total of sixty children in North Carolina in the Church of God. It was begun as an arm of evangelism for the Ladies Auxiliary, not as merely a money-making project. Through the day care children were to be given love and tender care and to be nurtured in the things of God.

The day care began to grow with a total of 109 children attending the day October 1, 1973, they moved into the new two-story facility containing an ultra modern kitchen, administrative offices, and fully-equipped rooms for children ranging in age four weeks to fourteen years.

The day care is self-supporting licensed by the State and using North Carolina Day Care Curriculum. The children from the day care in the basic skills than other children.

At the present time 202 children are enrolled with an average of 172 each day. They have 13 workers and 3 part-time workers. Juanita Sibbett is the Director with Sharon Baker serving as Assistant Director and Linda Laughlin, Supervisor.

The care is open at 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. five days a week. All necessities are provided by the day care. Two hot meals are served daily with a morning and afternoon snack served to the children.

This is the largest day care in the Church of God and the first in North Carolina. Presently, several other day cares are in operation throughout the state.



Rev. E. F. Sibbett & wife





PAW CREEK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Buses and cars make their way up the drive leading to the Paw Creek Church of God, home of the Paw Creek Christian Academy. The excitement of attending school here can be detected in their laughter. They are happy to attend the first Church of God Christian Academy in North Carolina.

Established by Joseph Chambers, pastor of Paw Creek Church of God, the Academy opened its doors in August 1974 with 155 students (grades K-10).

The Education Board Members were Robert Owens, Eleanor Sheeks, Eugene Williams, David Pippins, and Joseph Chambers, Chairman and founder.

The Academy is an arm of the Paw Creek Church of God and is under the jurisdiction of the Pastor's Council.

The philosophy of the school is:

- a. Provide a Christ-centered education.
- b. To help each child excel in academic standards.
- c. To help develop high spiritual and moral standards.
- d. To preserve our Christian American heritage.

The facilities include a gym, cafeteria, sports fields, offices, and twenty classrooms. It affords the youth an opportunity to be a part of many sports activities, clubs, and musical organizations.

From the time they enter the Academy until they leave, a love of God and a desire to study His Word are instilled in the hearts of the children. Daily devotions are held in each class.

In June 1977, eleven students became the first graduating class of the Paw Creek Christian Academy. Of these eleven students, seven are presently attending college.

In the school term 1977-78, 325 students enrolled in the Academy (K-12). The school has doubled since its beginning and the future looks even brighter.

Joseph Chambers, pastor and founder, summed up the purpose of the school by saying, "Our main purpose is 'Our Children.' We will provide the opportunity for spiritual growth and mental development. We will seek with our students the high road of meaningful fulfillment. All of this we pledge in the fear of God and by faith in His promises."



“BIG ELM” RETIREMENT CENTER

From a vision to minister to the elderly, the “Big Elm” Retirement Center was founded by Donald Anderson, pastor of Elm Street Church of God in Kannapolis, and executive Director of the Center. Through his ministry, he realized there were not any church of God retirement centers and our elderly were placed in non-religious nursing homes. Under his pastoral leadership, the Elm Street Church of God decided to venture out into a new field of ministry.

The Church Council appointed a Board of Directors to oversee the construction of the center. They were James Varner, Olin Mills, Ken Edwards, David Scarborough, Lavon Rodgers, Grant Bost, and Bernard Beavers.

Construction on ten acres of land given to them by Cannon Mills, this center became the first of its kind in the Church. It was constructed in two phases, each with forty-one beds. Each bed was placed by a window with a partition for each bed to give each person some of the privacy they need. The center is designed to avoid the “institutionalized atmosphere.”

The valuation of the center will be well over a million dollars. It contains eighty beds, lounges, offices, cafeteria, kitchen, recreation room, and a beauty shop.

The center’s first phase was opened in November 1976 with the second phase open in 1978. It is open to everyone, but special consideration is given to the Church of God elderly from every state. Medicaid and social security are both accepted at the center.

Craft programs are set up for the elderly. They have Bible Study three times a week and on Sunday they have a Sunday School class.

Registered nurses are on duty at all times for assistance. The elderly receive 24-hour attention.

Through the dedicated staff, love is a major ingredient in their daily diet. They are kept motivated by the careful loving attention the entire staff gives each person.

They are old now. Backs bent by the march of time. Feet no longer steady. Minds not as quick as years gone by. Loneliness has become a part of life as their families grow up and leave. They need special attention. The “Big Elm” can provide this attention for them. It provides Dignity for the elderly of our church.



I. C. Morris, Jr., Pastor, David White, Manager, Don Anderson, Executive Director.



North Carolina
Department of Human Resources

Seal of the Department of Human Resources

This is to Certify: That a License is hereby granted to
to operate and maintain a Big Elm Retirement Center known as
located in the County of Rowan North Carolina.

This License is not transferable and shall expire
on December 31, 1978, and is subject to the Laws of
North Carolina and the Rules and Regulations promulgated
by the North Carolina Department of Human Resources.

License Number: _____ Classification: _____

Capacity: Eighty (80)

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands
and seal this 15th day of February 19 78

By James C. Hoffman
By Jonathan

Seal of the Department of Human Resources

North Carolina Association, Long Term Care Facilities

An recognition of high standards of services
and contributions to the advancement of the Association Program

Big Elm Retirement Center
is hereby certified as a member in good standing
and is granted full rights and membership privileges
for the year 1978.

E. J. Hume



APPENDICES



**The
CHURCH of GOD
CARES
about YOU!**



CHURCH GROWTH

YEAR	CHURCHES	MEMBERS	YEAR	CHURCHES	MEMBERS
1912	1	38	1947	143	7,620
1913	2	80	1948	158	8,664
1914	7	166	1949	169	9,600
1915	8	209	1950	185	11,505
1916	9	264	1951	198	12,922
1917	14	375	1952	209	13,238
1918	No Assembly	No report	1953	215	13,356
1919	20	548	1954	220	14,211
1920	26	647	1955	229	14,314
1921	31	775	1956	242	14,548
1922	40	881	1957	253	14,506
1923	44	958	1958	259	14,847
1924	47	No details available	1959	263	14,969
		1924-1935	1960	268	15,194
1925	41		1961	269	15,863
1926	41		1962	270	16,573
1917	42		1963	271	17,049
1928	39		1964	279	17,806
1929	37		1965	284	18,298
1930	44		1966	286	19,073
1931	58		1967	291	20,125
1932	65		1968	313	20,800
1933	68		1969	309	21,306
1934	83		1970	313	22,004
1935	83		1971	317	23,292
1936	94	3,684	1972	319	24,783
1937	122	3,862	1973	331	26,429
1938	125	4,191	1974	353	27,563
1939	104	4,459	1975	356	28,481
1940	102	4,611	1976	361	29,393
1941	109	4,693	1977	366	30,046
1942	115	4,703	1978 +		
1943	116	4,816			
1944	122	5,346			
1945	133	6,080			
1946	137	6,877			

* From annual Statistical Report

+ . Since August 1977 the total # of churches as of Feb. 15, 1978 370

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS

C. C. Walker
 Anne Spurling
 R. W. Tedder
 E. C. Thomas
 H. E. Stone
 Ralph E. Williams
 H. D. Sustar
 R. P. Fields
 E. P. Davenport
 Mrs. Ray Collins
 S. A. Lankford

Paul D. Collins
 G. E. Weatherby
 Mrs. Arley Leggett
 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Mizell
 W. D. Moody
 A. V. Childers
 Glenda Kirkland
 George D. Voorhis
 T. J. Looney (interviewed by Kenneth Looney)
 Beatrice Hamilton Odam

STATE OVERSEERS OF NORTH CAROLINA

C. R. Curtis	1911-1912 Jan. - Jan.
R. G. Spurling*	1912-1913
George T. Brouayer	1913 Jan. - Nov.
A. H. Bryans	1913-1914
J. A. Davis	1914-1916
W. A. Capshaw	1916-1918
S. W. Latimer	1918-1919
J. A. Davis	1919-1920
W. M. Stallings	1920-1921
George T. Brouayer	1921-1922
George T. Brouayer ¹	
S. W. Latimer +	1922-1923
T. L. McLain	1923-1924
S. W. Latimer ^(2,1)	
E. C. Gault +	1924-1925
Roy E. Blackwood	1925-1928
John L. Stephens ⁽³⁾	1928-1937
E. W. Williams	1937-1940
Earl P. Paulk	1940-1941
E. M. Ellis	1941-1942
H. L. Chesser	1942-1944
R. P. Johnson	1944-1946
E. W. Williams	1946-1950
Earl P. Paulk	1950-1954
L. H. Aultman	1954-1958
John L. Byrd	1958-1962
H. D. Williams	1962-1966
David L. Lemons	1966-1970
P. H. McCarn	1970-1974
C. Raymond Spain	1974-1976
E. C. Thomas	1976-1978

* Appointed between assemblies

1. Removed from office because of betrayal of trust concerning the impeachment of A. J. Tomlinson.

2. Resigned to become pastor of North Cleveland, Tennessee, church

+ Replaced former overseers between Assemblies

3. First to serve as full time overseer 1930

ASSISTANT STATE OVERSEERS

C. E. Richards⁽¹⁾ June 1945-August 1945

George D. Lemons⁽²⁾ September 1945-1947

E. C. Thomas⁽³⁾ September 1947-1948

(1) State Youth Director adanded for the office of Assistant State Overseer June 1945.

(2) In the Ministers Meeting in September 1946, title changed to Assistant State Overseer and State Youth Director.

(3) With the election of National Youth Director, North Carolina followed with the establishment of State Youth Director.

STATE MISSIONS BOARD*

V. D. Combs	1946-1948	(2 yrs.)
C. M. Jenkerson	1946-1948	(2 yrs.)
R. W. Tedder	1946-1950	(4 yrs.)
Wade H. Horton	1948-1950	(2 yrs.)
James L. Slay	1948-1949	(1 yr.)
Ray Collins	1949-1950	(1 yr.)

* That a standing Missions Board be appointed, composed of three bishops whose duty shall be to pass on the disbursement of all state funds.

State Ministers Minutes September 10-11, 1946.

The General Assembly 1950 changed this board to a State Council.

STATE COUNCIL*

Wade H. Horton	1950-1952	(2 yrs.)	S. A. Luke	1958-1960	(2 yrs.)
Floyd J. Timmerman	1950-1952	(2 yrs.)	H. D. Sustar	1958-1960; 1974-1978	(6 yrs.)
G. H. Grooms	1950-1952; 1954-1956; 1960-1964	(8 yrs.)	J. R. Easom	1958-1962; 1968-1972	(8 yrs.)
George D. Lemons	1950-1953; 1960-1964	(7 yrs.)	S. W. Avery	1958-1962; 1966-1968	(6 yrs.)
C. R. Jones	1950-1953; 1955-1956	(4 yrs.)	J. T. Turnage	1960-1963	(3 yrs.)
S. D. Martin	1950-1952; 1954-1958; 1960-1964; 1970-1974	(14 yrs.)	Ralph E. Williams	1963-1964	(1 yr.)
L. O. Henry	1950-1953; 1955-1958	(6 yrs.)	C. R. Tedder	1963-1966; 1968-1972; 1976-	()
Fred Jump	1950-1952; 1953-1956	(5 yrs.)	H. L. Helms	1964-1966	(2 yrs.)
R. E. Conner	1950-1951	(1 yrs.)	Robert Hart	1964-1968; 1970-1972	(6 yrs.)
R. W. Tedder	1951-1954; 1955-1958; 1960-1964; 1966-1970	(14 yrs.)	S. A. Lankford	1964-1968; 1972-1974	(6 yrs.)
E. C. Thomas	1952-1954	(2 yrs.)	W. J. Brown	1966-1968	(2 yrs.)
P. H. McCarn	1952-1954	(2 yrs.)	George D. Voorhis	(2)	
C. H. Rochester	1952-1953	(1 yr.)	Bill Sheeks	1966-1970; 1972-1975	(7 yrs.)
Ray Collins	1952-1954; 1955-1956; 1958-1962; 1964-1968	(11 yrs.)	A. B. Dawsey Jr.	1968-1972	(4 yrs.)
J. L. Byrd	1952-1955	(3 yrs.)	Paul D. Collins	1968-1972; 1976-	()
W. C. Lambert	1953-1955; 1956-1960; 1962-1964	(8 yrs.)	Ray Loftis	1968-1972; 1974-1976	(6 yrs.)
A. A. Padgett	1953-1954; 1955-1958	(4 yrs.)	Bobby Ross	1968-1972; 1974-1978	(8 yrs.)
G. F. Carter	1953-1955; 1957-1960; 1962-1963; 1964-1968	(10 yrs.)	W. P. Pope, Jr.	1972-1976	(4 yrs.)
G. E. Weatherby	1954-1955; 1958-1962; 1964-1968	(9 yrs.)	C. E. Allred	1972-1974	(2 yrs.)
D. H. Delk	1954-1956	(2 yrs.)	E. L. Newton (3)	1972-1976	(4 yrs.)
J. Frank Spivey	1954-1955; 1956-1958	(3 yrs.)	W. C. Loftis	1972-1974; 1975-1976	(3 yrs.)
R. P. Fields	1956-1960; 1962-1966; 1968-1972; 1974-1978	(16 yrs.)	Joseph Chambers	1972-1976	(4 yrs.)
Harold F. Douglas	1956-1958	(2 yrs.)	1976-		()
C. S. Grogan	1956-1958; 1962-1966; 1972-1976	(10 yrs.)	A. M. Stephens	1976-	()
			Doyle Maney	1976-	()
			Kenneth Looney	1976-	()

*. The state's first elected council begun in September 1950.

2. Dr. Voorhis resigned to become President of East Coast Bible College.

3. Completed term of Dr. Voorhis

STATE YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTORS

Ralph E. Williams	1939-1943	(4 yrs.)
Carl O. Johnson (1)	1943-1945	(2 yrs.)
E. C. Thomas (2)	1948-1952	(4 yrs.)
S. A. Luke	1952-1957	(5 yrs.)
Robert Hart	1957-1964	(7 yrs.)
Bill Sheeks	1964-1968	(4 yrs.)
Bob Sustar	1968-1972	(4 yrs.)
Walter Barwick	1972-1976	(4 yrs.)
Paul D. Collins	1976-	

1. State Youth director's office abanded for the office of assistant state overseer
2. 1948-1970 This office was known as State Youth Director

STATE YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARDS

E. C. Thomas (1)	1946-1948	(2 yrs.)
G. E. Weatherby (1)	1946-1948	(2 yrs.)
P. H. McCarn (1)	1946-1948	(2 yrs.)
Floyd J. Timmerman	1948-1951	(3 yrs.)
A. A. Padgett	1948-1953	(5 yrs.)
S. A. Luke	1948-1950; 1951-1952;	
	1957-1958	(4 yrs.)
H. D. Sustar	1950-1954	(4 yrs.)
W. E. Lankford	1952-1953	(1 yr.)
E. L. Newton	1952-1953	(1 yr.)
H. L. Helms	1953-1954	(1 yr.)
R. P. Fields	1953-1956	(3 yrs.)
S. W. Avery	1953-1956	(3 yrs.)
A. M. Stephens	1954-1956; 1964-1968	(6 yrs.)
E. H. Miles	1954-1958	(4 yrs.)
Robert Hart	1956-1957	(1 yrs.)
Harvey Hudson	1956-1959	(3 yrs.)
Ralph Jarrell	1956-1960	(4 yrs.)
Earl Golden	1958-1960	(2 yrs.)
W. P. Pope, Jr.	1958-1962	(4 yrs.)
S. A. Lankford	1958-1962	(4 yrs.)
C. E. Knowles	1960-1964	(4 yrs.)
Bill Sheeks	1960-1964	(4 yrs.)
C. L. Leonard	1962-1966	(4 yrs.)
G. E. Weatherby	1962-1964	(2 yrs.)
Bob Sustar	1963-1968	(5 yrs.)
Lawrence Leonhardt, Jr.	1964-1968	(4 yrs.)
Paul D. Collins	1964-1968	(4 yrs.)
Douglas Allen	1966-1970	(4 yrs.)
Walter Barwick	1968-1972	(4 yrs.)
Junus Fulbright (3)	1968-1972; 1974	
James Griffin	1968-1972	(4 yrs.)
Paul Lanier, Jr.	1968-1970	(2 yrs.)

1970 First elected Youth and Christian Education Board (2)

Tommy White	1970-1974	(4 yrs.)
Franklin Hunt	1970-1974	(4 yrs.)
Ronald Martin*	1972-1974; 1976-	()
Troy Burrell	1972-1976	(4 yrs.)
Kenneth Looney	1972-1976	(4 yrs.)
Larry Poole	1974-1978	(4 yrs.)
Kenneth Boyd (4)	1974-1975	(1 yr.)
Y. Z. Isaacs	1974-1978	(4 yrs.)
Jerry Smith	1974-1978	(4 yrs.)
Larry Poole	1976-	
Sam Crisp	1976-	
James P. Betts	1976-	
Daniel Shortridge*	1974-	
Kenneth Looney	Liaison to State Council 1976	

1. That a youth committee be appointed to work out a program in conjunction with the National Youth Program as adopted by the First National Youth Congress. Ministers Meeting Minutes September 10-11, 1946.
2. Youth Committee 1946-1970 changed to State Youth and Christian Education Board and elected for first time 1970.
3. Left state to serve in Illinois as State Youth and Christian Education Director.
4. Left state for pastorate.

*Filled vacancy

SPECIAL YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE 1949

H. D. Sustar	Frank Petrucci
D. R. Robinson	S. D. Martin
T. W. Day	(Served 1949-1950)
	Date of First Youth Camp.)

NORTH CAROLINA EVANGELISM DIRECTORS

<i>STATE</i>		
A. V. Childers*	1955-1958	(3 yrs.)
W. C. Lambert	1963-1966	(3 yrs.)
B. E. Ellis ⁽¹⁾	1966-1968	(2 yrs.)

<i>WESTERN</i>		
B. E. Ellis	1968-1970	(2 yrs.)
Bill Sheeks	1970-1974	(4 yrs.)
S. A. Lankford	1974-1978	(4 yrs.)
	1978-	

<i>EASTERN</i>		
Robert Hart	1968-1972	(4 yrs.)
C. R. Tedder	1972-1976	(4 yrs.)
Walter Barwick	1976-	()

* Office done away with from 1958 to 1963

1. This office was divided in 1968 to Eastern and Western

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE & CHILDRENS HOME

SUPERINTENDENTS

A. V. Childers	1943-1946	(3 yrs.)
H. D. Williams	1946-1947	(1 yr.)
C. H. Rochester	1947-1953	(6 yrs.)
P. H. McCarn	1953-1958	(5 yrs.)
L. O. Henry	1958-1966	(8 yrs.)
G. E. Weatherby*	1966-1977	(11 yrs.)
Donald R. Anderson	1978-	

* Superintendent Emeritus Through August, 1978

ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS & SIGNER OF CHARTER

R. P. Johnson, State Overseer	H. T. Durden
A. V. Childers	George D. Lemmons
V. D. Combs	John L. Byrd
P. H. McCarn	H. D. Williams

DIRECTORS OF OTHER BOARDS

R. P. Johnson	S. W. Avery
A. V. Childers	G. F. Carter
E. W. Williams	E. C. Thomas
J. L. Byrd	David L. Lemons
V. D. Combs	G. H. Grooms, Sr.
George D. Lemons	J. T. Turnage
H. T. Durden	Earl T. Golden
H. D. Williams	W. C. Lambert
P. H. McCarn	Ralph E. Williams
Wade H. Horton	L. L. Reeder
R. W. Tedder	C. R. Tedder
J. R. Easom	Robert Hart
J. L. Slay	W. J. Brown, Jr.
E. P. Paulk	P. A. Howard
Ray Collins	B. E. Ellis
H. E. Stone	I. C. Morris, Jr.
L. O. Henry	E. H. Miles
R. C. Muncy	E. L. Moore
L. H. Aultman	A. B. Dawsey
C. R. Jones	Bill Sheeks
H. D. Sustar	Doyle Maney
A. A. Padgett	George D. Voorhis
G. E. Weatherby	S. A. Lankford
J. F. Spivey	James Allen
S. D. Martin	Don Anderson
R. P. Fields	C. R. Spain
S. A. Luke	H. L. Helms

PRESENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

E. C. Thomas, Chairman	Arvie Nations
Joseph Chambers	S. W. Avery
E. L. Newton	Billy Franklin
W. P. Pope, Jr.	C. E. Knowles
Daniel Shortridge	

**Due to rotation of officers the years each served has been omitted.

STATE BIBLE SCHOOL BOARD

H. D. Williams	1947-1948	(1 yr.)
E. C. Thomas	1947-1952	(5 yrs.)
James L. Slay	1948-1950	(2 yrs.)
P. H. McCarn	1947-1952	(5 yrs.)
H. E. Stone	1947-1952	(5 yrs.)
J. R. Easom	1947-1952; 1966-1968	(7 yrs.)
G. E. Weatherby	1950-1952; 1953;	
	1956-1958	(5 yrs.)
S. A. Luke	1952-1954	(2 yrs.)
L. B. Thomas	1952-1954	(2 yrs.)
C. S. Grogan	1952-1956	(4 yrs.)
H. T. Durden	1952-1953; 1962-1966;	
	1968-1972	(9 yrs.)
I. C. Morris	1953-1958	(5 yrs.)
H. L. Helms	1954-1958; 1974-1976	(6 yrs.)
C. H. Franklin	1954-1958	(4 yrs.)
W. P. Gosnell	1954-1958	(4 yrs.)
R. W. Tedder	1958-1960	(2 yrs.)
J. T. Turnage	1958-1960	(2 yrs.)
George D. Voorhis	1958-1962	(4 yrs.)
James E. Wynes	1958-1961	(3 yrs.)
G. A. McCurry	1958-1962	(4 yrs.)
W. C. Lambert	1960-1962	(2 yrs.)
H. D. Sustar	1960-1962	(2 yrs.)
A. M. Stephens	1961-1964	(3 yrs.)
R. E. Williams	1962-1963	(1 yr.)
G. G. Easom	1962-1964	(2 yrs.)
S. A. Lankford	1962-1964; 1968-1972	(6 yrs.)
Henry J. Smith	1963-1968	(5 yrs.)
Walter Barwick	1964-1968	(4 yrs.)
James D. Allen	1964-1968	(4 yrs.)
Leon Worley	1964-1968	(4 yrs.)
Harold Cato	1968-1972	(4 yrs.)
Herbert Pritchard	1968-1972	(4 yrs.)
J. C. Teachey	1968-1972	(4 yrs.)
Paul D. Collins	1972-1974	(2 yrs.)
Junus Fulbright	1972-1974	(2 yrs.)
A. B. Dawsey	1972-1976	(4 yrs.)
Don Anderson	1972-1976	(4 yrs.)
Lawrence Leonhardt,		
Jr.	1972-1974	(2 yrs.)
Paul Lanier	1974-1976	(2 yrs.)
Charles Tilley	1974-1976	(2 yrs.)
D. R. Shortridge	1974-1976	(2 yrs.)

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COLLEGE BOARD

C. Raymond Spain,		
Chairman	1974-1976	(2 yrs.)
Paul D. Collins	1974-1976	(2 yrs.)
Walter Barwick	1974-1976	(2 yrs.)
Bobby Ross	1974-1976	(2 yrs.)
Sammy Oxendine	1974-1976	(2 yrs.)
A. M. Stephens	1974-1976	(2 yrs.)

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

E. C. Thomas	1976-	()
Don Anderson	1976-	()
H. L. Helms	1976-	()
Bobby Ross	1976-	()
Sammy Oxendine	1976-	()
E. C. Morris, Jr.	1976-	()
A. B. Dawsey Liaison from State Council		

STATE BIBLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

E. C. Thomas	1948; 1951-1953	(3 yrs.)
V. C. Ramey	1949-1950	(2 yrs.)
L. B. Thomas	1954	(1 yr.)
A. M. Stephens	1955-1958; 1960-1964;	
	1969-1970	(11 yrs.)
Robert Stevens	1959	(1 yr.)
Bill Sheeks	1965-1968; 1971-1973	(7 yrs.)
Sammy Oxendine	1974-1975	(2 yrs.)
*George D. Voorhis	1976	(1 yr.)

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EAST COAST BIBLE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

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CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF CHURCHES

YEAR ORGANIZED	FILE NUMBER	NAME OF CHURCH
1912	141	Gastonia, Gaston Avenue
1914	322	Kannapolis, Elm Street
1914	326	Whittier (formerly Kirkland Creek)
1919	411	Broad Creek
1919	733	Biltmore
1919	352	Belmont (from 1933 known as E. Belmont)
1919	502	Snowd Branch (listed as Washington)
1920	464	Eastway Drive (formerly 15th Street & Parkwood)
		Charlotte
1920	14	Shelby
1921	185	Alarka
1921	228	Clyde
1922	42	Greenville
1922	601	Wake Forest
1923	246	Middlesex
1923	149	Pineola
1924	438	Kinston
1924	431	Sealy Mountain
1925	109	South Rocky Mount
1926	262	Taylorsville
1927	830	Wilmington
1928	429	Selma
1928	829	Winston Salem, South (Reorganized 6-17-1944)
1928	1774	Statesville, Fifth Street
1929	39	Thomasville (listed as Mt. Calvary in 1928)
1929	12	Tarboro
1929	82	Andrews
1929	502	Shooting Creek
1929	908	Eden, Fieldcrest (formerly known as Draper)
1929	1062	Mt. Airy (known as Flat Rock)
1929	1521	North Wilkesboro
1930	933	Bessemer City
1930	939	Clayton
1930	2457	Eden, Boulevard Street
1930	1006	Lenoir, South
1930	1509	Mooreville
1931	1043	Erwin
1931	1502	Washington, West 9th Street
1931	1520	Hope Mills
1931	1570	Granite Falls
1931	1572	Barnardsville
1931	1573	Lexington

1931	1578	Harris Chapel (Culverson, Aaron, Jan. 1947 Harris Chapel)	1941 January	2401	Kings Mountain
			1941 January 1	2841	Lincolnton
			1941	2844	Springfield
1931	1647	High Shoals	1941	2847	Cartoogechaye
1931	1725	High Point	1941 March	2863	Bladenboro
1932	1640	Tennelina	1941	2914	Flint Hill
1932	1651	Estatoe	1941	2178	Prentiss
1932	1662	Marion, State Street	1941	2930	Princeton
1932	1702	Smithfield	1941 October 28	2937	East Rockingham
1932	1749	Sanford	1942	1820	Fayetteville, C & Adams
1932	1750	Valdese	1942 August	3013	Cooleemee
1932	1783	Cramerton	1943 January 28	3099	Saint Pauls
1932	1794	Hendersonville	1943 August	3150	Grindle Creek
1932	1799	Candler 1	1943 August 13	3161	East Laurinburg
1932	1857	Concord	1943 September 14	3166	Albemarle, Colston Street
1933	1831	Warrenton	1943 October	3173	Forest City
1933	1835	South Gastonia	1944	1870	Newton
1933	1864	Greensboro, State Street	1944	912	Cashiers (1929-1933 dis-banded)
1933	1871	Canton		2316	East Lumberton
1933	1887	Old Fort	1944	3259	Poplar Springs
1933	1899	Asheville	1944 July 30	3260	Washington, 15th Street
1933	1914	Huntersville	1944 July 30	3277	Charlotte, Oakdale (formerly Hoskins Ave.)
1933	1938	Rosman	1944 August 20	3290	Gastonia, Ranlo
1934	1934	Fair Haven	1944 October 8	3318	Four Oaks
1934	2867	Morehead City	1945 January 7	3340	Swannanoa
1934	2015	Mt. Holly	1945 April 1	3359	Randleman
1934	2045	Isaac Creek	1945 May 27	3366	Ronda
1934	2047	Providence	1945 June 23	3368	Oakboro
1934	2051	Black Mountain	1945 June 17	3400	Roseboro
1934	2058	Raleigh	1945 July 29	3401	Brevard
1935	930	Roanoke Rapids (possibly Weldon in 1930)	1945 July 31	3291	Tryon
			1945 September 10	3503	Cornelius
1935	2071	Patetown	1946 June 2	1856	Double Springs (formerly Erastus)
1935	2098	Sylva	1946 June 9	3512	Mayodan
1935	1061	Candler II (Hill Street)	1946 July 10	3513	Mebane
1935	2115	Hayesville	1946 July 7	3563	Zebulon
1935	2211	Rutherfordton	1946 November 29	4001	Autryville
1936	2225	Albemarle	1947 March 29	4039	New Light
1936	2031	Icard	1947 May	4042	Big Oak
1936	2312	Jonesville	1947 July 29	4043	Gibsonville
1936	2227	Wadesboro	1947 July 29	4070	Dallas
1936	2230	Burnsville	1947 August 30	4081	Troutman
1936	2269	Bethel 1	1947 September 7	4082	Pineville
1936	2276	Goldsboro	1947 September 15	4083	Stanley
1936	2288	West Hillsborough	1947 September 28	3608	Hallsboro
1936 November	2357	Hazelwood	1947 October 5	3609	Raeford
1937	1846	Hickory	1947 October 19	3616	Edenton
1937	2700	Cherryville	1947 October 25	3610	Wilson
1937 June	2395	Nealsville (Formerly Ruth)	1947 November 2	3607	Belmont, North
1937 June	2405	Dudley Shoals	1947 November 9	3660	Cherry
1937	2410	Salisbury	1947 December 5	3764	Flat Rock
1937	2415	South Henderson	1948 January 14	3664	Silver Valley
1937	2433	Asheboro	1948 March 21	3653	Vass
1938	2521	West Durham	1948 April 4	3656	Washington Heights
1938	2564	Kannapolis, Harding Street	1948 April 4	3691	Lakedale
			1948 June 5	3705	Kenly
1939	1470	Woodfin	1948 July 4	3714	Roxboro
1939	26 39	Paw Creek	1948 July 7	3692	Plymouth
1940 May	2265	Monroe	1948 July 8		
1940 July	2796	East Burlington			

1948 August 9	3757	Clinton	1953 August 9	4585	Red Springs
1948 August 14	3715	Blowing Rock	1953 September 8	4600	Knightdale
1948 October 3	3743	Landis	1953 October 8	4629	Tabor City
1949 January 18	3775	Saddletree	1954 June 20	4697	Spencer
1949 February 24	2301	New Bern	1954 August 8	4705	Matthews
1949 April 21	3790	Williamston	1954 September 9	4712	Hestertown
1949 May 1	3807	Tessentee	1954 September 11	4719	Ahoskie
1949 June 10	3811	Farmville	1954 October 28	4749	East Fayetteville
1949 July 10	3812	Newport	1954 October 31	4737	Community
1949 July 30	3833	China Grove	1955 January 1	4759	West Burlington
1949 August 26	3848	Mt. Mourne (Sherrilltown)	1955 January 1	4760	Chocowinity
			1955 February 19	4777	East Durham
1949 August 27	2050	Reidsville	1955 March 27	4785	Marion, Cross Mill
1949 October 16	3880	Selica	1955 April 3	4787	Catawba Heights
1949 October 23	3875	East Alarka	1955 July 17	4836	Nashville (Organized 1915, disbanded- Reorganized)
1949 December 10	3893	Jamestown			
1950 January 15	3905	Charlotte, 35th Street	1955 September 2	4846	Whiteville
1950 February 12	3919	Bolton	1955 September 23	4853	Newton Grove
1950 April 8	3964	Kannapolis, Earle Street	1955 September 24	4854	Lawsonville
1950 April 23	3956	Chadbourn	1955 October 15	4862	Fairmont, Indian
1950 June 4	3997	Benson	1955 October 26	4863	Siler City
1950 June 17	4111	Pinnacle	1956 February 25	4909	Hudson
1950 July 9	4112	Troy	1956 June 3	4948	North Henderson
1950 July 16	3996	La Grange	1956 June 5	4939	East Gastonia
1950 July 16	4102	Carrboro	1956 September 9	4974	North Lenoir (known as Warrior)
1950 July 25	3995	Pembroke			
1950 July 30	4114	Grantsboro	1956 October 4	4983	North Winston Salem
1950 November 12	4157	Franklinton	1956 October 21	4994	Ramseur
1950 November 16	4179	Cumberland	1956 October 26	4998	Maxton
1950 November 26	4166	Norwood	1956 November 18	5003	Boone
1950 November 28	4167	Morganton	1956 December 2	5013	West Fayetteville
1950 December 4	4180	Pinetops	1956 December 6	5012	Lumberton, Riverside
1951 January 28	4185	Wallace	1956 December 16	5011	Gastonia, Union Road
1951 April 29	4227	Maiden	1957 March 12	5037	Pink Hill
1951 June 3	4230	Murphy	1957 March 12	5039	Kannapolis, Lane Street
1951 June 5	4231	Fort Barnwell	1957 April 23	5045	Greensboro, Glenwood
1951 June 10	4241	Greenhill	1957 April 27	5042	Bath
1951 June 14	4240	Oxford	1957 April 27	5068	Hickory Grove Road
1951 June 29	4275	Lumberton, Clyborn Pines	1957 August 24	5083	Kannapolis, Fisher Street
1951 July 1	4273	Lucama	1957 September 14	5098	Bryson City
1951 August 5	4274	North Rocky Mount	1958 June 24	5165	Smithtown
1951 August 11	4276	Garner	1958 September 21	5196	Bailey
1951 August 19	4278	Greensboro, Merritt Drive	1959 January 4	5229	Graham
1951 August 25	4277	Mt. Pleasant	1959 February 22	5244	Burlington, Tillman Street
1951 September 22	4293	Enfield	1959 May 31	5278	Vanceboro
1951 December 16	4338	Lowell	1959 October 31	5324	Charlotte, Nations Ford Road
1952 March 9	4376	Wilmington, Wrightsville, Avenue			
			1959 November 29	5360	Rowland
1952 June 10	4438	Lillington	1959 December 10	5340	Charlotte, Ranch Road (Camp Green)
1952 August 3	4443	Rockwell			
1952 September 21	4449	Allgood (Reorganized - 1920)	1960 January 31	5361	Coats (started earlier, disbanded)
1952 September 21	4451	Longview	1960 August 1	5413	Gastonia, Cresecent Lane
1952 November 12	4492	Tusquittce (Began 1910-Disbanded '34 or '35 - Reorganized 1952)	1961 May 12	5510	Jacksonville
			1961 July 30	5548	Bonnie Doone
1952 December 14	4493	Elizabeth City	1961 September 24	5581	Mt. Carmel
1953 March 8	4506	Mt. Olive	1962 January 11	5651	Fairmont, White
1953 April 2	4526	Wards Station	1962 April 1	5648	South Concord
1953 April 3	4525	Oakdale	1962 December 5	5742	Laura Memorial

1963 March 3	5777	Duncan
1963 April 7	5778	South China Grove
1963 May 5	5785	Gilkey
1963 May 15	5795	Bethel II
1963 May 21	5771	Fayetteville, Coolspring (organized 2/2/58, disbanded, reorganized 1963)
1963 August 18	5818	Salisbury, Morlan Park
1963 September 14	5824	Cherokee
1963 September 15	5825	Franklin
1963 September 29	5823	Boger City
1963 October 31	5838	West End
1964 February 12	5866	Adamsville, Washington (Leggetts Crossroads)
1964 February 22	5872	Grifion
1964 March 1	5871	Carthage
1964 March 29	5879	Denton
1964 October 11	5936	New Hope
1964 November 1	5944	West Rockingham
1965 March 7	6007	Hoke County
1965 June 20	6052	Midway
1965 July 4	6058	Iron Station
1965 July 4	6059	West Statesville
1965 September 5	6093	Robbinsville
1965 November 30	6122	Gastonia, Yorkwood
1966 December 4	6255	Elizabethtown
1967 January 15	6263	Bessemer City, 8th Street
1967 June 11	6315	Castalia
1967 June 14	6321	Greensboro, Textile Drive
1967 August 3	6337	Sharpsburg
1967 August 20	6329	Biscoe
1967 September 3	6338	Neuse
1967 September 17	6341	Peachtree
1967 October 10	6349	Gum Neck
1967 November 5	6360	Shallotte
1967 November 17	6366	Dunn
1967 December 3	6367	Archdale
1968 March 1	6400	Barbourtown
1968 May 28	6454	North Wilson
1968 August 25	6468	Old Mill
1969 February 2	6504	East Flat Rock
1969 February 2	6505	Pisgah Forest
1969 February 2	6510	Adamsville, Goldsboro
1969 July 27	6571	Hamlet
1969 November 14	6613	West High Point
1970 February 17	6649	West Smithfield
1970 March 22	6667	Rural Hall
1970 October 3	6744	Fletcher (Skyland Heights)
1970 October 18	6748	Spring Hope
1971 June 13	6845	Fair Bluff
1971 December 12	6901	Ellerbe
1972 April 31	6949	Cary
1972 July 16	6976	Swansboro
1972 August 6	6993	Essex
1972 October 4	7002	Mount Jefferson
1973 February 18	7065	Gastonia, Tenth Street
1973 February 25	7066	Mar Mac
1973 March 31	7085	Marshville

1973 May 3	7110	Spruce Pine
1973 May 13	7113	Laurinburg, South
1973 June 10	7129	Southport
1973 June 17	7131	Cedar Creek
1973 June 24	7133	Mint Hill
1973 June 30	7143	North Cove
1973 July 21	7151	Burningtown
1973 September 8	7170	Millers Chapel
1973 October 12	7194	Stoneville
1973 October 21	7215	Eastside, Fayetteville
1973 October 28	7198	Charlotte, Trinity
1973 November 8	7214	Manns Harbor
1973 November 24	7216	Harrisburg
1973 December 16	7235	Leland
1973 December 23	7234	Eastover
1974 January 10	7248	Four Points
1974 January 17	7257	Rocky Mount, East
1974 February 2	7256	Johnsonville
1974 February 10	7262	Sparta
1974 April 7	7292	Kings Creek
1974 April 21	7303	Liberty
1974 April 26	7309	Pigeon River
1974 May 2	7317	Angier
1974 May 13	7319	Robersonville
1974 June 27	7340	Shelby, East
1974 August 18	7377	Welcome
1974 September 1	7376	King
1974 September 21	7383	Azalea
1974 December 8	7425	Butner
1975 March 9	7471	East Henderson
1975 March 16	7482	South Raleigh
1975 April 25	7499	Watson Cross Roads
1975 July 13	7541	Elm City
1975 November 9	7618	Charlotte, Derita
1975 November 16	7620	Kittrell
1976 January 25	7651	Chapel Grove
1976 February 28	7687	West Vanceboro
1976 May 2	7736	Castle Hayne
1976 May 23	7737	West Richlands
1976 October 11	7725	North Asheboro
1976 November 4	7833	Goldston
1977 January 9	7856	Charlotte, Central
1977 February 13	7868	Iredell Heights
1977 February 13	7876	Grover (organized in '51 - disbanded - reorganized)
1977 February 23	7977	Wilmington, Southside
1977 April 7	7909	Union Chapel
1977 May 29	7975	Stoney Point
1977 September 4	7989	Wagram
1977 October 2	8030	Brookfield
1977 October 23	8031	Havelock
1978 February 15	8069	White Oak

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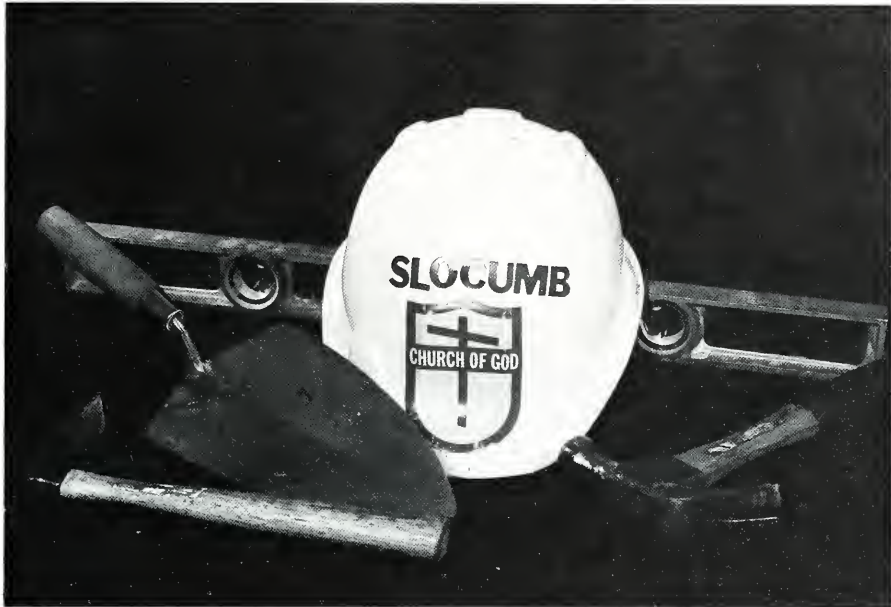
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Allen, Douglas	Cherry, Maude	Gardner, Billy	Jernigan, M. C.	Mercer, Foy
Allen, James	Childers, B. V.	Gasaway, L. R.	Jethro, Phillip	Miles, E. H.
Alfred, C. E.	Christy, Richard	Gasaway, R. H.	Johnson, Haywood	Miles, John
Anderson, Donald	Clark, Harry	Geiger, J. N.	Johnson, R. E.	Millard, Charles
Anderson, Harold	Clay, Ralph	Gilbert, John	Jones, N. C.	Mills, Fitzhugh
Ashe, John	Clayton, Larry	Goins, George	Jordan, Harold	Mizell, Ronald
Atkins, Charles	Cline, E. B.	Gray, Nathan	Joyner, Larry	Moffitt, Don
Atkins, Vernice	Coleman, Daniel	Gregory, A. E.		Moore, E. L.
Avery, R. C.	Collier, Robert	Griffin, James	Kennedy, Kermit	Moore, Eugene
Avery, S. W.	Collins, Ray	Grogan, C. S.	Kennedy, Paul	Moore, Gene A.
	Cooper, James P.	Grooms, G. H., Jr.	King, Horace	Morris, I. C. Jr.
Baccus, Marvin	Cooper, Michael	Grove, Owen L.	Kirksey, Earl	Morris, J. B.
Bailey, Bernie	Cox, Johnny	Gwaltney, G. W.	Knowles, C. E.	Murray, Larry
Baker, Mrs. Agnes	Cox, Q. J.			Murray, Raymond
Ballard, Billy	Craft, Sam	Hairr, James	Lambert, W. C.	
Barnes, Woody	Crain, Claude	Hall, Hubert	Lancaster, Paul	Nations, Arvle
Barnett, Ken	Crain, David	Hall, Jerry D.	Lane, Mrs. Elsie	Nations, John
Bass, Fred	Craven, Avon	Hamblin, James	Lanier, Paul, Jr.	Newton, E. L.
Bass, Kirby	Crisp, O. M.	Hamilton, James	Lankford, Stoy	Newton, M. G.
Bateman, Ernest	Crisp, Sam	Hamm, A. B.	Lankford, W. E.	Noles, Harlon
Batey, J. H.	Crumpton, S. F.	Hammonds, Marion	Layell, F. R.	
Batson, John	Curtis, Paul	Hancock, Arnold	Leclercq, Gilbert	Owens, Robert
Bauman, Elmer G. L.		Hannah, A. A.	Ledford, Buford	Ownbey, Lawrence
Baynard, Paul	Dale, Thomas D.	Harding, Guy	Leonard, C. L.	
Betts, James P.	Darr, Paul	Harper, B. A.	Leonard, J. C., Jr.	Parker, Currie
Black, B. N.	Davis, Horace A.	Harper, Gary	Leonard, J. S.	Parker, Ertle
Black, James	Dawsey, A. B.	Harris, S. Z.	LeQuire, James	Parker, P. C.
Boone, Joseph	DeArman, Fred	Hatchell, Lewis	Lewis, A. E.	Parrott, E. G.
Boothe, Roy	Demery, Faye	Hatcher, David	Lewis, Ray Ted	Parton, Horace
Bowen, John	Dishman, Bobby	Hayes, Joseph	Little, Dennis	Perry, John
Bowman, W. O., Sr.	Dodson, Bert	Helms, H. L.	Livingston, David	Perry, Robert
Boyd, Milan	Dodson, C. R.	Helms, Mrs. Johnsie	Loftis, Ray	Petrea, F. W.
Brackett, Bobby	Dodson, James C.	Herring, M. L.	Loftis, W. C.	Pharr, Sylvester
Braswell, Lewis	Dorman, James	Herron, J. J.	Long, Vann Ray	Phillips, Joseph
Braswell, William	Douglas, Harold	Hill, Mrs. Avis	Looney, Kenneth	Pitts, A. W.
Britt, Ertle	Dryman, Robert	Hodges, James B.	Lowery, S. C.	Pitts, Dennis
Britt, W. W.	Duncan, Wesley	Honeycutt, Thaddaeus	Lucas, Virgil	Pollard, W. W.
Brittain, Larry	Dyson, Odell	Honeycutt, J. T.	Lupo, Earl	Poole, Larry
Brooks, D. J.	Dyson, Ronald	Hopkins, Oliver		Poole, Walter
Brooks, Paul		Howell, Marvin	Maney, David	Pope, M. D.
Brown, James	Eades, Walter	Howell, R. D.	Maney, Doyle	Pope, W. P., Jr.
Burdick, Clarence	Edwards, Clifton	Hudson, J. B.	Marks, E. M.	Pounds, Lawrence
Burrell, Doyle	Efird, Titus	Hudson, L. D.	Marshall, Proctor	Powell, Richard A.
Byrd, Kenneth	Evans, Forrest	Huffman, R. Reid	Martin, Ronald	Powers, Eugene
	Everhart, Dorothy	Hunt, Franklin	Mathena, John	Pressley, Ned
		Hunt, Jack	Maynard, Millard	Pressley, Ralph
Caldwell, Kenneth		Hunt, James	Maynor, James	Prewer, Wayne
Capell, Don	Fairecloth, James	Hunt, Lesandri	McBride, Jerry	Price, Jay R.
Carlyle, Wayne	Fields, R. P.	Hunt, Ronald	McBride, Odell	Pringleau, Tomsenia
Carnes, M. N.	Findley, John		McCown, M. R.	
Carter, Robert	Foley, H. E.	Isaacs, Y. Z.	McCraven, Harry	Ranes, A. C.
Carver, Douglas	Ford, Jack		McGuirt, Hubert	Ray, James R.
Carver, Mrs. W. M.	Fowler, George	Jackson, Mrs. Leola	McIver, John	Reeder, L. L.
Case, Robert M.	Fowler, Gordon	Jackson, Robert	McLendon, J. B.	Rembert, W. P.
Caton, Joseph	Franklin, Billy			

Rickman, Edward	Sibbett, E. F.	Stockton, Billy	Underwood, James	Wiggins, Robert
Riddle, Howard	Simmons, C. Odell	Stone, B. D.		Wilhelm, Troy
Robbins, Mrs. James	Simonds, Jack	Stone, Roland	Vaughan, F. M.	Williams, Bobby
Robbins, L. B.	Simpson, Bobby	Sullivan, Billy		Williams, Luke
Robertson, Victory	Sisk, George	Summey, Michael	Waddell, Jimmy	Williams, Mrs. S. K.
Rogers, James	Sloan, Howard	Summitt, Ben	Walker, Garland	Williford, R. N.
Rollins, Lathan	Slocumb, Douglas W.	Sustar, H. D.	Walker, R. L.	Wilson, James
Ross, Bobby	Smiley, Danny		Ward, Alec Earl	Wilson, W. E.
Rouse, Kenneth	Smith, Billy		Weatherby, G. E.	Wilson, W. W.
	Smith, Bobby	Tatum, Olin	Webb, W. C.	Wingate, A. E.
Salmon, Daniel	Smith, Donald	Tatum, Tom	Wells, Larry	Wood, Calvin
Sanders, David	Smith, Jerry	Teachey, J. C.	West, David A.	Wood, Ralph
Scott, Deward	Smith, Stelford	Teachey, L. R.	Whichard, Don	Worley, Leon
Sellers, Nathan	Smith, William E.	Tedder, C. F.	Whitaker, John	Worley, Lenor W.
Sharp, Paul	Souther, J. C.	Thompson, Charles	White, Herman	Worthington, Robert
Sharum, Andrew Paul	Spain, L. P.	Todd, Andrew	White, Lizzie	Worthington, Sam
Shelton, Robert	Sprinkle, D. E.	Toinceta, Robin	White, O. H.	Wrenn, Henry
Shepard, O. M.	Stalvey, G. W.	Toney, Herman	White, O. O.	Wright, Dewey
Shores, R. W.	Stamey, Troy	Tucker, Roy Lec	Whitley, Jackie	Wyatt, John
Shortridge, D. R.	Stephens, A. M., Jr.	Turlington, H. B.	Whitley, Phillip	
Shuler, Melvin	Stephens, A. M., Sr.	Turner, E. L.	Wiggins, Raeford	

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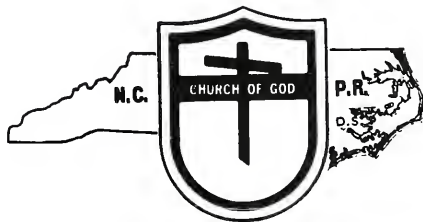
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